



Final Report for Specialists

Instructions: Please complete the below questions in their entirety. This final report will be used to document your project activities and outcomes. Please note that your completed report will be made available to the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission in your host country as well as the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Name: PROFESSOR PAUL ARTHUR BERKMAN

Date: 5 October 2025

Project Title/ID: Capacity Building for Science
Science Diplomacy / FSP-P010799

Dates of Project: 27 July 2025 – 6 September 2025

Host Country: Malaysia

Host Institution: International Institute of Science
Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS) at UCSI University

Host: Tan Sri Emeritus Prof. Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid

1. How were you matched with your specific project?

I contacted my host institution and initiated the project.

My host institution contacted me and requested that I serve on the project.

The Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in the host country contacted me and requested that I serve on the project.

Applied to Open project or World Learning contacted me and requested that I apply to the project.

I don't remember.

Other. Long-standing and highly-productive collaboration as well as close
Please explain: friendship with the Founding Director of IISDS at UCSI University

2. Did the host institution provide the agreed upon logistical arrangements (i.e. airport transfers, lodging accommodations, meals, and in-country transportation)? If no, please explain.

The logistic arrangements were fabulous, start to finish, as reflected by the attached 42-day itinerary that includes hyperlinked details about airport transfers, lodging accommodations and in-country transportation, which included private drivers. The meals and Malaysian food were delicious as well as memorable, including with diverse durians shared outside in Royal Belum or with fermented rice wrapped in palm leaves on the Satang Besar Island beach.

3. What specific project activities did you complete during your grant?

The specific project activities are elaborated on a daily basis across the attached 42-day itinerary, which includes hyperlinked details of: events; titles of public lectures, keynote presentation, training sessions and a masterclass with science diplomacy; names of collaborating institutions and their locations; names of key collaborators with each institution; references to outcomes; and news reports.



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4. Did you participate in any activities that celebrated or highlighted America's 250th anniversary (i.e. America 250) during your grant period?

- Yes No

If yes, please select all public engagement activities you participated in: (check boxes)

- Guest lecture(s) or presentation(s) about American contributions in my field
 Participation in America 250 event(s) organized by the U.S. Embassy, Fulbright Commission, or my host institution
 Community outreach or presentation(s) about American history, culture, and/or values
 Other America 250-related activity

If you participated in any 'Other America 250-related activity' not listed above, please provide additional details below:

5. What do you believe were the most important outcomes of your project (i.e. what results did you achieve)?

The core outcome of this project is the ongoing and accelerating collaboration with the International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS) at UCSI University, which was founded in Malaysia by Tan Sri Zakri in 2022, and the Science Diplomacy Center, Inc. (SDCI), which was found in the United States by Prof. Berkman also in 2022. Without elaborating specific outcome details (which are referenced in the attached 42-day itinerary), the outcomes chronologically include:

- Special lifetime visit to Royal Belum with Orang Asli interactions, including with rangers who had contributed with the Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change (GIYSCC);
- Enhanced personal relationship with Amanah Lestari ALAM and its Board of Trustees, which have supported GIYSCC since 2023;
- Helping to establish IISDS as a leader with science diplomacy across the Global South, as reflected by the: (a) *International Conference on Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in ASEAN*; and (b) Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) course funded by the Malaysia Ministry of Foreign Affairs with participants from 15 nations;
- Enhanced personal relationship with the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), with several touches across the 42-day project;
- Continuing coordination and global acceleration with GIYSCC as a "virtual dialogue by, for and among Indigenous youth with global inclusion", involving nearly 3000 registrants from 141 nations representing more than 290 languages since 2023;
- Assisting to deepen IISDS university partnerships in Malaysia with science diplomacy, as represented with the University of Malaysia in Terengannu (UMT);
- Helping Malaysian Antarctic programs with their "Antarctic Day" proposal, which also has SDCI relevance to the 5th International Polar Year (IPY-5) in 2032-2033;
- Formal partnership between IISDS-UCSI and SDCI, with Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed by Prof. Berkman (SDCI) and the President of UCSI University;
- Setting in motion future outcomes, which include the upcoming Letter in *Science* on 9 October 2025 about the *Strategic Foundations of Science Diplomacy*.



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6. Did you encounter any challenges that prevented you from successfully completing all project activities or achieving all outcomes? If yes, please explain.

No. My Fulbright Specialist project was absent challenges *“that prevented me from successfully completing all project activities or achieving all outcomes”*.

7. Do you intend to continue to collaborate with your host institution in the future? If so, in what capacity?

As mentioned with the first question (above), collaboration with the host institution is based on a long-standing and highly-productive collaboration as well as close friendship with the Founding Director of IISDS. Collaboration with Tan Sri Zakri and IISDS certainly are accelerating because of the fabulous 42-days in Malaysia that were enabled with the Fulbright Specialist project.

Productive and ongoing collaboration also has emerged as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the level of UCSI University as the host-institution. My current appointment with UCSI University as a Distinguished Visiting Professor is from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2026 and I anticipate the contract will be extended. Additionally, my university affiliations are referenced in publications, which is the basis for UCSI University submitting one of my 2025 papers in the global competition for a Frontiers Planet Prize.

The firm foundation for continuing collaboration with IISDS at UCSI University is best reflected by the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that I signed as the SDCI Executive Director with the UCSI University President on 4 September 2025. The MOU describes:

- Preambular Common Interests;
- Objectives;
- Scope and extent of cooperation;
- Thematic areas of work;
- Modalities for cooperation; and
- Administrative details.

The MOU is included with the attached 42-day itinerary, mapping the global journey with science diplomacy that involve SDCI and IISDS individually and together, creating synergies for the benefit of all on Earth across generations.

8. Do you intend to establish a linkage (formal or informal) between your U.S. institution/employer and your host institution abroad? If yes, please explain.

Details about the formal linkages with SDCI and UCSI University are described in Question 7 (above), specifically with my contractual appointment as a Distinguished Visiting Professor (2024-2026) and with the MOU that we signed on 4 September 2025 (please see attached 42-day itinerary).



MALAYSIA ITINERARY

27 July 2025 through 6 September 2025 (42 Days)

PROF. PAUL ARTHUR BERKMAN

Fulbright Specialist 2024-2027 with the United States Department of State

Distinguished Visiting Professor with the International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS)
at UCSI University

[Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#)

Project Title: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SCIENCE DIPLOMACY
Project Discipline: Peace & Conflict Resolution
Specialization: Diplomacy, Citizen Diplomacy
Department: International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS)
Host: [Tan Sri Emeritus Prof. Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid](#) – IISDS Founding Director
Fulbright Project ID: FSP-P010799

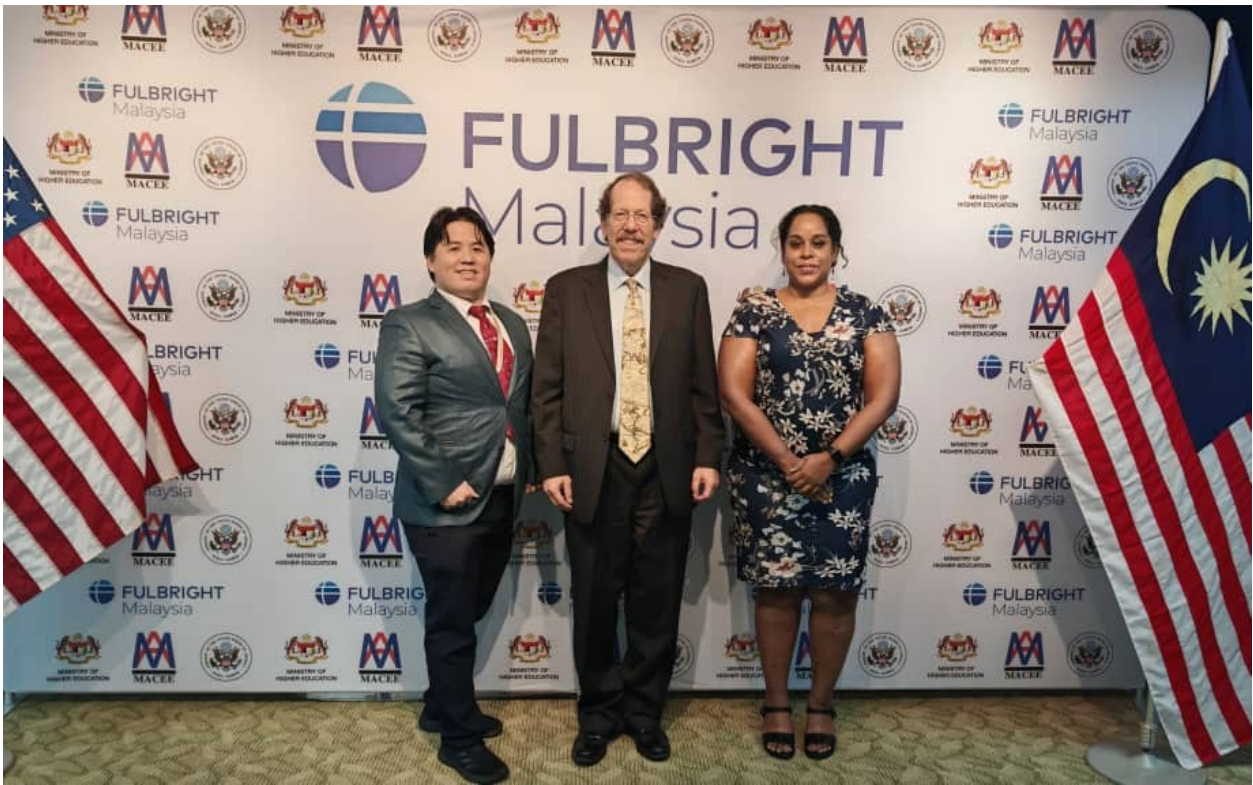
Date	Activities
27 July 2025 (Sun)	Departure from Boston (Logan)
28 July 2025 (Mon)	Arrival in Kuala Lumpur (Kuala Lumpur International Airport – KLIA)
29 July 2025 (Tue)	Planning meeting with Director and faculty members of UCSI-IISDS
30 July 2025 (Wed)	
31 July 2025 (Thu)	<p>Courtesy visit with Dato’ Peter Ng, Chairman of UCSI Council; Professor Emeritus Datuk Ts Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir, FASc, Vice-Chancellor and President, UCSI University 09.00 – 10.00 -breakfast at UCSI Le Quadri Hotel, which is where Prof. Paul Arthur Berkman stayed (mostly) while in Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Courtesy visit on the Fulbright Program Coordinator (Ms. Leena Rajagopal) of the Malaysian-American Commission of Educational Exchange (MACEE) along with Prof. Dr. Eric Chan Wei Chiang</p>
1 Aug 2025 (Fri)	Travel by car to Royal Belum (130 million year old tropical rain forest), which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
2 - 3 Aug 2025 (Sat & Sun)	<p>Board of Trustees Meeting with Amanah Lestari Alam (ALAM) -Invited by ALAM, which is a national initiative mooted by the Ministry of Finance Malaysia and spearheaded by Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad (BPMB) with Datuk Ali Abdul Kadir (former Chairman Securities Commission of Malaysia) as the ALAM Board Chair along with Tan Sri Zakri among others on the Board</p> <p>-ALAM has been core collaborator with the GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GIYSCC) since 2023 (see below on August 9th)</p> <p>-Hari Harimau Sedunia (International Tiger Day) celebrations at Royal Belum</p> <p>-Meeting Indigenous People, Orang Asli (“Original People”), in Royal Belum with invitation of the village elders to ALAM</p> <p>Invited evening presentation about our <i>“Globally-Interconnected Civilization: Stories from Antarctica”</i> (including winter SCUBA diving and such) and next day about <i>“Globally-Interconnected Civilization: Science Diplomacy Across Generations”</i> (Prof. Paul)</p>
4 Aug 2025 (Mon)	Return to KL from Royal Belum

5 Aug 2025 (Tue)	Planning meeting with Director and faculty members of UCSI-IISDS
6 - 7 Aug 2025 (Wed & Thu)	<p>International Conference on Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in ASEAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -coordinated by IISDS with the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), MIGHT Partnership Hub, Cyberjaya, Malaysia (which is where Prof. Berkman stayed) -Co-sponsored with the International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) -Draft Resolution with IISDS proposal for an ASEAN Center of Excellence on Science Diplomacy -Government and News Announcements (examples): 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 <p>Keynote Lecture V: “Antarctica as a Science Diplomacy Model for ASEAN” (Prof. Paul)</p>
8 Aug 2025 (Fri)	Courtesy visit at MIGHT office with the President and CEO of MIGHT, Rushdi Rahim , and with the Joint-Chairmen of MIGHT (Tan Sri Tajuddin Ali and Tan Sri Zakri)
9 Aug 2025 (Sat)	<p>Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change (GIYSCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -00:00-24:00 GMT -GIYSCC-2025 launching at UCSI-IISDS (00:00-08:00 GMT) – Chancellery Room Level 11, Block G -annually on August 9th on the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, circling the Earth with the Sun across three 8-hour time zones in 24 hours -this “<i>virtual dialogue by, for and among Indigenous youth with global inclusion</i>” has been coordinated by Prof. Paul Arthur Berkman with the Science Diplomacy Center™ and Science Diplomacy Center, Inc. (SDCI) since it began in 2023 -GIYSCC-2023 hosted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) with 1300 registrants representing 112+ nations and communicating in 88+ languages -GIYSCC-2024 and GIYSCC-2025 hosted by FutureEarth -GIYSCC-2023, GIYCC-2024 and GIYSCC-2025 have involved nearly 3000 registrants from 141 nations representing more than 290 languages -GIYSCC Indigenous Youth Leaders have published an invited Commentary in Nature that Indigenous Youth Must be at the Forefront of Climate Diplomacy and have contracted with Springer to produce two volumes in the INFORMED DECISIONMAKING FOR SUSTAINABILITY book series, involving nearly fifty (50) chapters crafted by Indigenous youth from around the world Sustainable Infrastructure for GIYSCC is being established jointly by SDCI and IISDS, which signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 4 September 2025 (see below)
10 Aug 2025 (Sun)	
11 Aug 2025 (Mon)	
12 Aug 2025 (Tue)	Travel by air from Kuala Lumpur (Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport) to Kuala Terengganu
12 - 13 Aug 2025 (Tue & Wed)	<p>University of Malaysia at Terengganu (UMT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Invited and Hosted by Professor Dato’ Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar (former UMT Vice-Chancellor and IISDS Adjunct Professor) -Visit to Institut Oseanografi Dan Sekitaran (INOS) <p>Panel Discussion on potential collaborative projects with IISDS-UCSI & UMT researchers</p> <p>Public Lecture on “<i>Science Diplomacy and Informed Decisionmaking for Sustainability</i>” (Prof. Paul)</p>
14-15 Aug 2025 (Thu & Fri)	<p>UMT Field trip by boat to Redang Island, Terengganu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit Chagar Hutang Turtle Sanctuary (largest green turtle nesting area in Malaysia) - Visit Redang Waste Management & Recycling Program (youth led) with Reef Check Malaysia - Stay at the (SEATRU) Turtle Lab at Taaras -Pulau Redang – Bidong - Merang
15 Aug 2025	Return flight to Kuala Lumpur
16 Aug 2025 (Sat)	Invitation from Dr. Harikrishna Kulaveerasingam with Datuk Ali Kadir ALAM from the ALAM Board of Trustees for an outing at the Royal Selangor Golf Club (07:48 tee time)
17 Aug 2025 (Sun)	
18 Aug 2025 (Mon)	<p>“The Role of Academia In Science Diplomacy”</p> <p>-10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>

	<p>-UCSI Senate Meeting Room</p> <p>Public Lecture: “The Role of Academia In Science Diplomacy” (Prof. Paul)</p> <p>Event: Courtesy Meeting between with Mr. Khairy Jamaludin</p> <p>-2:00 PM</p> <p>-Tan Sri Zakri’s Office</p>
19 Aug 2025 (Tue)	<p>Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP)</p> <p>Science Diplomacy for the Global South (19-28 August 2025)</p> <p>-coordinated and hosted by IISDS at UCSI University</p> <p>-funded by Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>-Day 1 (<i>Introduction to Science Diplomacy</i>)</p> <p>-08:00-17:00</p> <p>-UCSI Senate Meeting Room</p> <p>-participants from 15 nations (Angola, Croatia, Guinea, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, Tajikistan, Republic of Kazakhstan and Timor-Leste) on 4 continents</p> <p>-invited lunch with MTCP course participants at Le Quadri Hotel</p> <p>Invited Dinner</p> <p>-19:30</p> <p>- Prof. Dato’ Dr. Toh Kian Kok (UCSI Group Business Development Advisor) dinner at the Sky Lounge, Level 12, Block G with Prof. Mohd Kushairi, Dato’ Noraieni and Prof. Paul</p>
20 Aug 2025 (Wed)	<p>MTCP Course – Science Diplomacy for the Global South</p> <p>-Day 2 (<i>Diplomacy, Science Into Policy, Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss</i>)</p> <p>-09:00-10:30</p> <p>Lecture 5: Science into Policy: Global Lessons from Antarctica (Prof. Paul)</p>
21 Aug 2025 (Thu)	<p>MTCP Course – Science Diplomacy for the Global South</p> <p>-Day 3 (<i>Science Communication, SDGs, ESG & Regional</i>)</p> <p>-14:00-17:00</p> <p>Interactive Session 1: “Common-Interest Building – Training Game” (Prof. Paul)</p> <p>-methods applied from 2022 publication on Common-Interest Building: Training Game with the UN Sustainable Development Goals written by Paul Arthur Berkman with colleagues from UNITAR and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Costa Rica</p> <p>-applied previously with the diplomatic corps of more than two dozen nations, students from middle schools to universities and with diverse other groups around the world</p> <p>-interaction with MTCP course participants has led to their jointly preparing a publication in Science Diplomacy Action with Prof. Berkman as the Editor-in-Chief (which is an ongoing collaborative activity after Malaysia)</p> <p>-MTCP course participant from Croatia published an interview with Prof. Berkman in Pöglöd magazine</p>
22 Aug 2025 (Fri)	
23 Aug 2025 (Sat)	<p>MTCP Course – Science Diplomacy for the Global South</p> <p>-Day 5 (<i>Planetary Health</i>)</p> <p>-0700-1300</p> <p>-visit to Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)</p> <p>-hosted by Dr Norwati Muhammad (FRIM Deputy Director General Research) and Dr Elizabeth Philip (FRIM Head of Climate Change and Forestry Programme)</p> <p>-UNESCO World Heritage Site</p> <p>-visit to FRIM Skywalk</p> <p>-1300-1700:</p> <p>-PJ ECO Recycling Plaza,</p> <p>-visit to One-Stop Learning Center for recycling and drop-off station in Petaling Jaya</p>

24 Aug 2025 (Sun)	Travel by air from Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) to Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo
25 Aug 2025 (Mon)	<p><i>“Science Diplomacy for Rain Forest Sustainability: A Unique Case for Sarawak”</i> -UCSI Kuching Campus Hotel -09:30-11:30</p> <p>Distinguished Public Lecture on <i>“Science Diplomacy for Rain Forest Sustainability: A Unique Case for Sarawak”</i> (Prof. Paul) -14:00-17:00 -visit to the Sarawak Biodiversity Center, invited by Dato Dr Yeo Tiong Chia (Chief Executive Officer) and hosted by Tu Chu Lee (Research Officer) and Asha Devi Kaushal (Head of Corporate Affairs)</p>
26 - 29 Aug 2025 (Tue – Fri)	<p>Fieldwork in Kuching -visit to Semenggoh Nature Reserve to see OrangUtan (“Forest People”) -visit to Borneo Cultures Museum -visit to Sarawak Culture Village -special invited visit by Prof. Moritz Müller and Prof. Dr. Aazani binti Mujahid with their sons to Satang Besar Island (private property) with the surrounding ocean as part of the Talang Satang National Park</p>
30 Aug 2025 (Sat)	Travel by air from Kuching to Kuala Lumpur (KLIA)
31 Aug 2025 (Sun)	<p>Merdeka Day! -Free and Easy -Hari Kemerdekaan (Independence Day) Malaysia</p>
1 Sep 2025 (Mon)	
2 - 3 Sep 2025 (Tue & Wed)	<p>Masterclass on Science Advice and Science Diplomacy -MIGHT headquarters -09:00-17:00 both days -15 participants from Malaysia -Presented by Prof. Paul</p>
4 Sep 2025 (Thu)	<p>Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation (YPASM) / National Arctic Research Center (NARC) -10:00-12:00 -courtesy visit in office of Tan Sri Zarki (Bldg G) with Prof. Paul -proposal from Malaysia to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) to recognize December 1st as “Antarctica Day” -“Antarctica Day” was initiated by Prof. Berkman with the 2009 Antarctic Treaty Summit in Washington, DC on the 50th anniversary of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty and his 2009 <i>Nature</i> paper about International Spaces Promote Peace that also led to the first book on SCIENCE DIPLOMACY as well as a JOINT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION adopted with unanimous consent in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, partially supported by a Fulbright Distinguished Scholarship at the University of Cambridge among other sources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor - Board of Trustees Member, YPASM 2. Mr. Abdul Shukor Jamaluddin – CEO, YPASM 3. Mr. Muhammad Fardy Md Ibrahim - Head, Corporate Services & Communications, YPASM 4. Dr. Tamalia Amanda Putri Othman - Head, Science Support and Strategic Alliances. YPASM 5. Dr. Wan Mohd Rauhan Wan Hussin - Deputy Director, NARC <p>IISDS Ambassadorial Lecture Series 14:00: Opening by Tan Sri Zakri 14:15: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Science Diplomacy Center, Inc. (SDCI) and International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS) at UCSI University signed by Prof. Berkman (SDCI) and Datuk Hamisah Binti Tapsir (UCSI) 14:20 Inaugural IISDS Ambassadorial Lecture: <i>Science Diplomacy in a Rapidly Changing World</i> by United Nations University (UNU) Director and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala</p>

	Dinner Celebration on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations University (UNU) Estate on Federal Hill, Kuala Lumpur -from 18:30 - hosted by the UNU International Institute of Global Health (UNU-IIGH) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
5 Sep 2025 (Fri)	Visit to Central Market in Kuala Lumpur with Prof. Crystale Siew Ying and her husband
6 Sep 2025 (Sat)	Return from Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) to Boston



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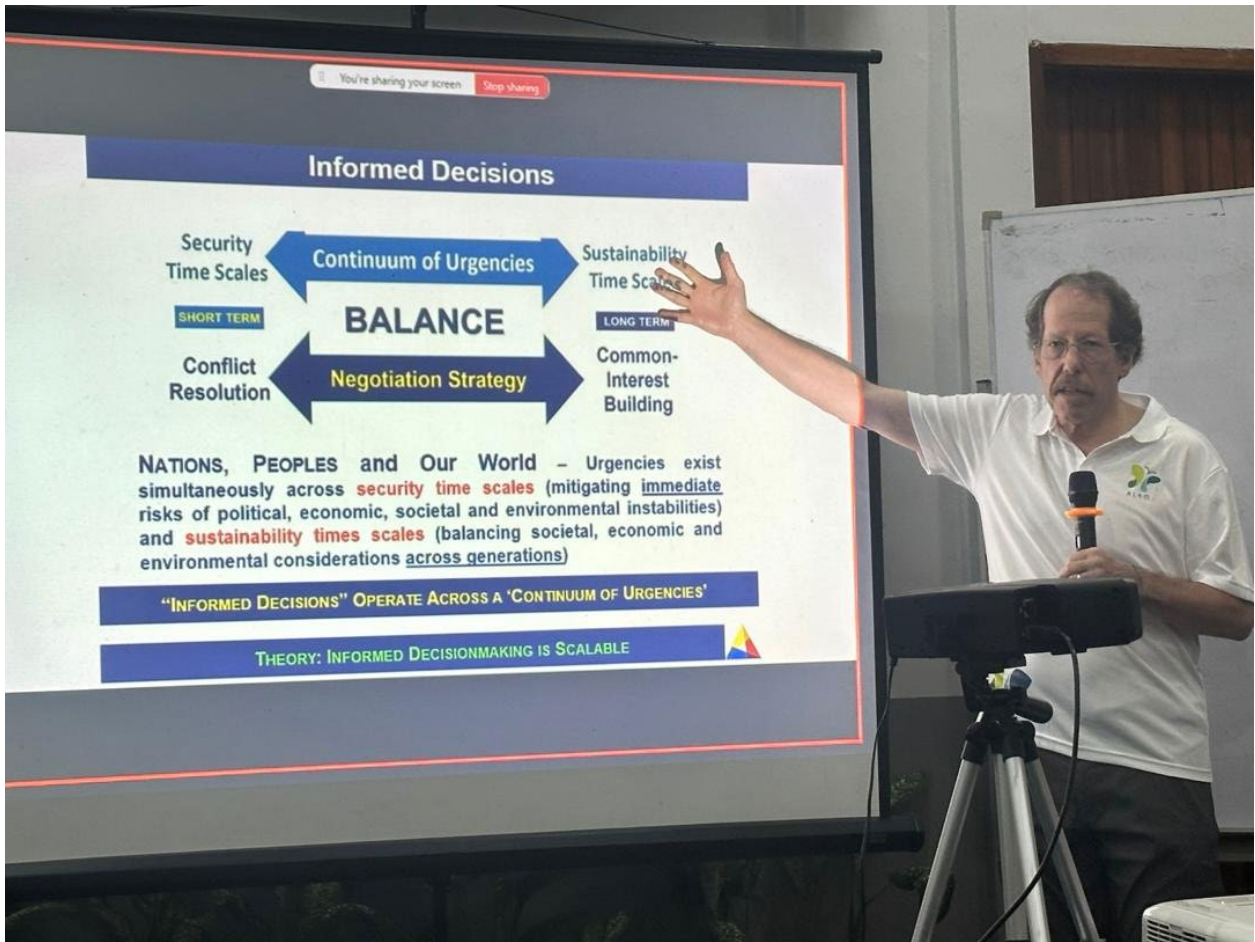
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Royal Belum presentation by Prof. Berkman at ALAM Board of Trustees meeting



Special boat trip into Royal Belum rainforest to visit Indigenous villages



Rafflesia in bloom in Royal Belum



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FOR REGIONAL PROSPERITY IN ASEAN

6 AUGUST 2025

20:00PM

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DINNER TALK:

"Beyond Borders: Reimagining ASEAN Prosperity through the Diplomacy of Science and Shared Future" by **Tan Sri Datuk Seri Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar**, Former Foreign Minister of Malaysia and Former Chair World Islamic Economic Forum

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6–7 August 2025 | MIGHT Partnership Hub, Cyberjaya, Malaysia**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Preamble

We, the participants of the International Conference on Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in ASEAN, comprising policymakers, diplomats, scientists, academics, industry leaders, and regional stakeholders, convened on 6–7 August 2025 in Cyberjaya, Malaysia;

Acknowledging the urgent need for greater collaboration at the intersection of science, technology, innovation, and foreign policy to address common regional and global challenges;

Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI), and various multilateral frameworks that promote sustainable prosperity, shared futures, and peaceful cooperation;

Recognising the diverse experiences, expertise, and aspirations presented during the conference, through keynotes, panel discussions, and dialogues, on issues ranging from bio-diplomacy and the space economy to regional capacity building and science-policy integration;

Appreciating the strong support from the Government of Malaysia, the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), the International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS-UCSI), UNESCO, National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN) and all partnering institutions;

Hereby adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

1. Strengthening ASEAN Science Diplomacy

Urge the establishment and operationalisation of the ASEAN Centre for Science Diplomacy as a regional hub to convene, coordinate, and catalyse science diplomacy initiatives that address ASEAN's collective concerns in areas such as climate resilience, digital sustainability, health security, and inclusive development.

2. Advancing Common Interests through Science

Commit to expanding dialogue and collaboration on shared regional priorities including, but not limited to - artificial intelligence, the space economy, blue economy, water security, energy security and digital transformation by leveraging scientific cooperation as a strategic tool for trust-building, policy alignment, and innovation diplomacy. With planetary foresight.

3. Integrating Science into Foreign Policy Training

Recommend the institutionalisation of science diplomacy modules within the training curricula of ASEAN diplomatic academies, with a focus on multilateral negotiations, technology foresight, regulatory diplomacy, and scientific literacy for foreign service professionals, particularly from the Global South.

4. Fostering the Next Generation of Science Diplomats

Support programmes that train young diplomats, researchers, and policy professionals in the principles and practice of science diplomacy through regional fellowships, immersive simulations, and joint research platforms, with special emphasis on empowering underrepresented groups and indigenous perspectives.

5. Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Development through STI

Reaffirm the role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) as critical enablers for inclusive growth and sustainable development, and call upon ASEAN Member States to invest in regulatory coherence, infrastructure, capacity building, and technology transfer, especially for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and vulnerable communities.

6. Championing Global-Regional Synergies

Endorse ongoing global and regional collaborations with like-minded institutions including Asia-Europe Foundation, National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN), Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), Keio University, Science Diplomacy Center (USA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and others. While calling for deeper ASEAN engagement in these multilateral platforms, we also extend an open invitation to other interested partners to collaborate in advancing the vision and establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Science Diplomacy.

The Way Forward

We call upon ASEAN Member States, regional institutions, academia, industry, and civil society to co-create a dynamic, inclusive, and responsive science diplomacy ecosystem that can elevate ASEAN's collective voice, resilience, and prosperity in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Adopted in Cyberjaya, Malaysia
7 August 2025

CYBERJAYA: Malaysia has proposed the establishment of an ASEAN Centre for Science Diplomacy, which would be the first regional hub in the country focusing on the role of science in public policy and cooperation among ASEAN nations.

The proposal was initiated by UCSI University and the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), and fully supported by the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (MOSTI).

Institute for Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (UCSI-IISDS) at UCSI University Founding Director and MIGHT Co-Chairman (Government), Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid, said the hub would serve to mobilise all efforts in ASEAN to champion science diplomacy issues, with Malaysia leading the establishment of the hub.

"It will be a very important and critical hub to address issues like climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and more... and all these problems are rooted in science.

Malaysia proposes Asean centre for science diplomacy

By [Bernama](#) - August 6, 2025 @ 4:28pm



Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia, Chang Lih Kang (centre), Joint Chairman (Government) of MIGHT, Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Zakri Abd Hamid, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Postgraduate, UCSI University, Professor Phang Siew Moi (fourth and fifth from right), Joint Chairman (Industry), Tan Sri Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, and Chief Executive Officer of MIGHT, Rusydi Abdul Rahim (fourth and fifth from left) and some of the participants attending the two-day Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in Asean Conference held at the MIGHT Partnership Hub, Cyberjaya.



GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

9 August 2025



GIYSCC-2025 at UCSI-IISDS (noting GIYSCC since 2023 has involved nearly 3000 registrants from 136 nations, representing nearly 290 languages, coordinated by Prof. Berkman)



Prof. Berkman lecture in Terengganu



Tan Sri Zakri and Prof. Berkman shopping for batiks in Terengganu



Visit to Redang Island



Hatching green turtles on Redang Island (largest nesting site in Malaysia)



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Dates: 19 - 28 August 2025

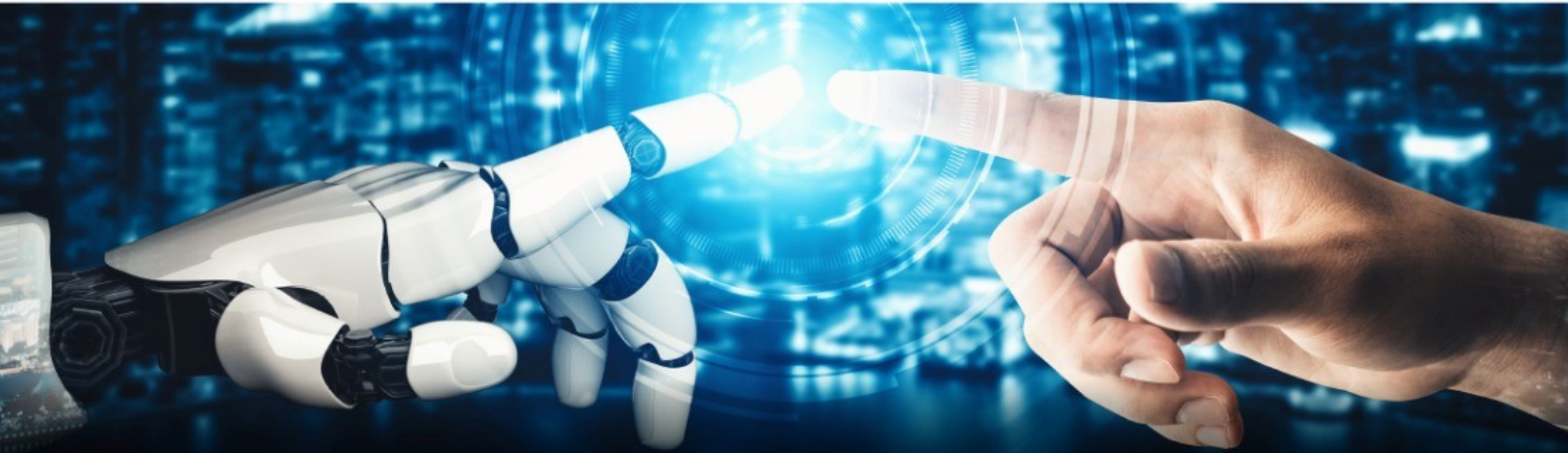
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(Block E, UCSI University) Cheras,
Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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PUBLIC LECTURE

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AND THE ROLE OF ACADEMIA

18 Aug
2025 (Monday)

10am - 12pm

 Senate Meeting Room 1,
Level 11, Block G,
UCSI University KL Campus**SPEAKER'S PROFILE:**

Prof Paul Arthur Berkman is a Fellow of the International Science Council and a **Fulbright Specialist (2024-2027)** with the United States Department of State. He founded the non-profit Science Diplomacy Center in 2022. He is a faculty associate with the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School and a Visiting Distinguished Professor at the International Institute of Science, Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS) in Malaysia.

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SPEAKER**Distinguished Visiting Prof Dr Paul Arthur Berkman****MODERATOR****Assoc Prof Ts Dr Crystale Lim Siew Ying** (*Dean, FAS*)**FOCUS OF DISCUSSION**

The role of research and development (R&D) in addressing sustainability challenges.



How science advice and science diplomacy can contribute to these solutions.



Case studies from the discussants' own research experiences.

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Venue: Le Quadri Hotel, UCSI University
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



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Ina Stašević i prof. Paul Arthur Berkman

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MASTERCLASS ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY: COMMON-INTEREST BUILDING



Facilitator

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Itinerary for Masterclass on Science Diplomacy: Common Interest Building (2-3 September 2025)

DAY 1 – 2 nd September 2025	
08:30 – 09:00 am	Registration
09:10 – 09:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks - Distinguished Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid • Introduction of Prof Paul Arthur Berkman
09:30 – 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and expected outcomes by Prof Paul Arthur Berkman • Participants Icebreaking Session
10:00 – 10:30 am	Coffee Break and Networking
10:30 – 11:30 am	Session 1: What is Science Diplomacy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual foundations: Science → Policy → Diplomacy • Science in addressing global challenges (What is science?) • Two intertwined branches of science diplomacy • Science diplomacy <i>“from the inside”</i> and outside
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Session 2: How does Science Diplomacy operate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing national interests and common interests • Informed decisionmaking as the engine of science diplomacy • Global case studies (e.g., health, biodiversity, technology, climate) • Real-world case studies from Prof. Berkman’s experiences
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Session 3: Understanding Time to Make Informed Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating across a ‘continuum of urgencies’ • Pandemic time scale (months-to-years) • High technology time scale (years-to-decades) • Climate and human population time scales (decades-to-centuries) • Scalability with personal-to-planetary considerations
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Coffee break and networking
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Interactive Workshop 1: Challenges with Uninformed Decisionmaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider reacting at transactional time scales (minutes-to-months) • Case study 1: COVID-19 and the World Health Organization • Case study 2: 2025 <i>Science</i> Editorial (Rewiring Science Diplomacy)
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Q&A
END OF DAY 1	

DAY 2 – 3rd September 2025

08:30 – 09:00 am	Registration and arrival of participants
09:00 – 09:15 am	Brief recap of Day 1 and participant reflections
09:15 – 10:30 am	Session 4: Science Diplomacy Tools for Common-Interest Building <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ‘Pyramid of Informed Decisionmaking’• Inquiry and knowledge discovery to build common interests• Operating across the data-evidence interface• Research-into-action with observers and participants• Dialogues among allies and adversaries alike• Transdisciplinary research involving science with society• Policy-science interface frameworks
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break and Networking
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Session 5: Conflict Resolution versus Common-Interest Building <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nations are the basic jurisdictional unit (like metric measurements)• Operating across the jurisdictional spectrum• Scalability and continuity with science diplomacy• <i>“For the benefit of all on Earth across generations”</i>• Open discussion about Global North / Global South
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Interactive Workshop 2: Common-Interest Building – Training Game <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applying the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Coffee break and networking
4:15 – 4:45 pm	Q & A
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Group Photo

END OF DAY 2

Science Diplomacy for Rainforest Sustainability:

A UNIQUE CASE FOR SARAWAK



Speaker

**Distinguished Visiting
Prof Paul Arthur Berkman**

**25 AUG 2025
9.30 AM - 11.30 AM**



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PROF TSHILIDZI MARWALA

*Rector of the United Nations University
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Prof Tshilidzi Marwala plays a leading role in shaping global dialogue on science, policy and sustainability. Before his appointment in 2023, he served as University of Johannesburg vice-chancellor, driving innovation and international collaboration in higher education. A distinguished scholar of artificial intelligence, Prof Marwala has applied his research across diverse fields including engineering, economics, politics, medicine and the social sciences, and is the co-holder of five patents. He has authored more than 25 books, numerous academic papers and over 250 thought pieces, influencing debates worldwide. His global impact has been recognised through prestigious honours such as South Africa's highest award, the Order of Mapungubwe and his inclusion in the list of the '100 Most Influential Africans of 2024.' He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the World Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Science of South Africa. With his wealth of experience and commitment to using science for the betterment of society, Prof Marwala offers rare insights at the intersection of leadership, innovation and diplomacy.

 **4 SEPTEMBER 2025 (THURSDAY)**

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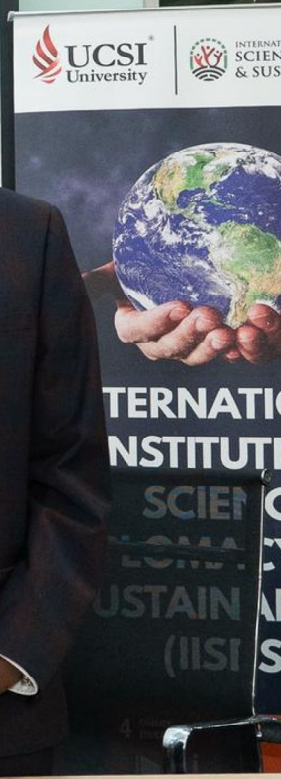
 **SENATE MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 11, BLOCK G,
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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME:

2 pm	Arrival of guests
2.35 pm	Welcome remarks by Distinguished Prof Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid, <i>UCSI International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability founding director</i>
2.45 pm	Launching of Ambassadorial Lecture Series by Dato' Peter Ng, <i>UCSI Group founder and executive chairman</i>
2.50 pm	MoU exchange between Science Diplomacy Center, USA and UCSI International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability
2.55 pm	Talk by Prof Tshilidzi Marwala
3.55 pm	Closing
4 pm	Refreshments

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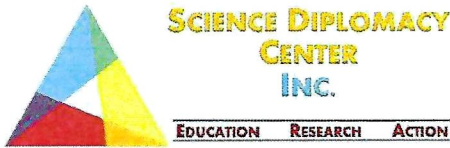




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Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

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Arthur Berkman
Founder of the Science Diplomacy Center and Harvard Law School Faculty





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CENTER, INC., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the United States of America, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having its headquarters at 23 Woodrise, Falmouth, Massachusetts, 02540 (hereinafter referred to as SDCI).

and

UCSI EDUCATION SDN. BHD. (Co. No.185479-U), a company incorporated in Malaysia which owns UCSI University, an institution of higher learning and duly approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia operating at No.1, Jalan Menara Gading UCSI Heights, 56000 Cheras, Kuala Lumpur (hereinafter referred to as UCSI).

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS SDCI and UCSI have common interests to enhance the understanding and applications of science diplomacy with informed decisionmaking and common-interest building for sustainable development at local-to-global levels, especially across the Global South.

APPRECIATING SDCI and UCSI have vibrant current connections, as reflected by composition of their Board of Directors as well as the current Fulbright Specialist project with the United States Department of State and Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange.

APPRECIATING SDCI and UCSI have direct historical connections individually and together with the origins of science diplomacy as a global field involving research into action to balance national interests and common interests for the benefit of all on Earth across generations.

RECOGNIZING SDCI and UCSI individually and together are contributing to education, research and actions with science diplomacy across the spectrum of subnational-national-international jurisdictions.

HIGHLIGHTING SDCI and UCSI seek to accelerate science diplomacy initiatives that involve next-generation leaders with global inclusion, especially from Least Developed Countries and Developing Countries, as has emerged with the GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GIYSCC) that has been coordinated by SDCI in close collaboration with IISDS, involving 136 nations with registrants representing nearly 290 languages in GIYSCC-2023 and GIYSCC-2024.

EMPHASIZING SDCI and UCSI seek to operate together with third-party funding to sustain GIYSCC short-to-long term as a 'Global Partnership of Indigenous Youth' in the spirit of SDG 17 among the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

EMPHASIZING SDCI and UCSI seek to jointly fund, design, develop, market, distribute and sustain a Science Diplomacy Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) with Global South emphasis.

EMPHASIZING SDCI and UCSI seek to enhance their fiscal capacities individually and jointly to implement science diplomacy initiatives with authoritative leadership.

NOW THEREFORE, based on mutual trust and in spirit of cooperation, SDCI and UCSI hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVES

1. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) is to provide a cooperative framework within which the Parties can develop and implement joint initiatives.
2. The Parties intend to utilize and leverage their existing resources and facilities for the benefit of their joint initiatives and empowerment of next-generation science diplomats.

ARTICLE II – SCOPE AND EXTENT OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties agree to jointly pursue cooperation guided by their respective mandates, mission, goals, needs, expertise, networks and work programmes.
2. Forms of cooperation to be developed and implemented under this MoU may include, *inter alia*, the following:
 - a) Training initiatives with science diplomacy and informed decisionmaking at K-12, higher-education and professional levels (including diplomatic corps of nations).
 - b) The GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE on August 9th annually on the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES as a “*virtual dialogue by, for and among Indigenous youth with global inclusion*”.
 - c) Webinars, conferences, workshops and other inclusive dialogues that facilitate science with society synergies to address timely regional and global challenges.
 - d) Co-edited books and journals as well papers, chapters and other written observations that reveal scalable lessons, case studies, methodologies, challenges, and opportunities with science diplomacy.
 - e) Exchanges of next-generation science diplomats across science-diplomacy networks within the scope of SDCI and UCSI inclusively on a global scale.
 - f) Joint fundraising initiatives with development banks, philanthropies, national agencies and United Nations organizations as well as non-governmental organizations at national levels, including the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), as well as at international levels, notably with the International Science Council (ISC) and International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA).

- g) Awards, fellowships and other recognitions for science diplomacy leadership.
- h) Authoritative certifications jointly from SDCI and UCSI, such as anticipated with the Science Diplomacy MOOC.
- i) Contributions to higher-education curricula and courses as well as degree programs that focus on science diplomacy.

ARTICLE III - THEMATIC AREAS OF WORK

1. To achieve progress with the Objectives (Article 1), the Parties have thematic areas to explore across the evolving science-diplomacy ecosystem, independent of jurisdictional levels with scalability globally, including, *inter alia*, the following:
 - a) Transdisciplinary connections of science with society.
 - b) Informed decisionmaking theory, skills and methods.
 - c) Inclusion (who, what, when, where, why and how) with knowledge discovery to build common interests, starting with questions.
 - d) Inclusive dialogues among allies and adversaries alike in view of Open Science to transform our globally-interconnected civilization beyond its colonial past.
 - e) Common-interest building as a fundamental choice in negotiations.
 - f) Operating short-to-long term across months-to-years (pandemic time scales), years-to-decades (high technology time scales) and decades-to-centuries (climate and human population time scales) in our world with exponential changes.

ARTICLE IV - MODALITIES FOR COOPERATION

1. For every specific area of cooperation falling under this MoU, a specific agreement will be signed allowing the Parties to agree on technical and financial settings. Such agreements will include a detailed work programme and a breakdown of costs, and will indicate funding modalities.
2. The activities associated with this MoU shall be contingent upon the availability of sufficient human and financial resources.
3. Commitments about activities associated with this MoU shall be based on sufficient funding to justify a launch and realistic plans to mobilize any additional third-party funding necessary for successful completion.
4. The Parties shall designate representatives that will serve as primary contact for the implementation of this MoU. The primary contacts will manage institutional communications between the Parties. If necessary, thematic contacts designated as need arise will manage communication on substantive issues. The primary contacts are:

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ARTICLE V – USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM

1. Apart from the exclusive purpose of the execution of the clauses of this MoU, neither Party shall use the name, emblem, logo, trademark or any other elements of corporate identity to which the other Party holds the intellectual property rights or any abbreviation thereof, without the express prior written consent of the other Party in each case. In no event will the use of either Parties' name, emblem, logo, and trademark be granted for for-profit purposes.
2. Use of the Parties' logos is explicitly allowed to implement initiatives with Article II.2a-ij in view of the distinct, long-term and special relationship among the Parties;
3. The Parties acknowledge that they are familiar with each other's ideals and objectives, and recognize the name and emblem of either SDCI nor UCSI name may not be associated with any political or sectarian cause or otherwise used in a manner inconsistent with the status, reputation and neutrality that would be expected of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VI - ENTRY INTO FORCE, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its last signature and will remain in force for five years.
2. This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed, amendments will apply to joint initiatives that are underway or have yet to be implemented.
3. This MoU can be renewed through a further MoU or through an exchange of letters.
4. This MoU may be terminated by either Party on six months' written notice to the other Party. Such termination shall be without prejudice to:

- a. Orderly completion of any ongoing activity;
 - b. Any other rights and obligations the Parties accrued prior to termination without shared responsibilities.
5. This MoU may be executed in separate counterparts by each of the Parties, both Parties' counterparts together constituting but one and the same instrument. Such counterparts may be exchanged by confirmed facsimile transmission or in portable document format by electronic mail.

ARTICLE VII – LIMITATIONS

- 1. This MoU is not intended to be a legally binding document.
- 2. Nothing in or related to this MoU is intended to be a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities or responsibilities of either Party under its national jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VIII – DISPUTES

- 1. Any disputes between the Parties arising out of this MoU shall be settled amicably through negotiation. Any difference that may not be so settled shall be brought to the attention of the signatories of this MoU or duly authorized representatives of the Parties for final resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present MoU in the English language, in duplicate on:

SDCI:



Prof. Paul Arthur Berkman

Date: 4 September 2015

UCSI:



Professor Emeritus Datuk Ts Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir

Date:







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*The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Muz & Kul", written over a horizontal line.

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