

# THE JOURNEY TO SUCCESS STARTS HERE



Crowd of students at the UKEC-GRADUAN Malaysian Career Fair 2013; more than 3500 individuals attended the fair.

**U**KEC-GRADUAN® presents The Malaysian Career Fair! Now in its 10th year, find out more about this annual event and how it can pave the way for young Malaysian talent in the UK to that dream job.

Since 2005, The Malaysian Career Fair (previously known as UKEC-GRADUAN Career Fair) has been opening up a world of opportunities for young Malaysian talent in the United Kingdom who seek information and leads on securing jobs in Malaysia.

GRADUAN, one of Malaysia's pioneer career and employment resource, and UKEC, an umbrella body for Malaysian student societies across Britain and Ireland, have reached a milestone, having hosted the career fair in the United Kingdom for the past 10 years.

The fair has been very well received and much anticipated by both talent and organisations that actively engage with Malaysian talent who are currently abroad.

What started as a small event with only six companies has now grown to be a full-fledged affair with close to 40 companies taking part. This is due to the fact that companies have managed to attract and recruit top talent to join their organisations through the fair annually.

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mix of undergraduates, fresh graduates, Masters and PhD holders as well as working professionals visit the fair not only to find out more about career opportunities in Malaysia but to also network and engage with representatives from different organisations of various industries.

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## THE MALAYSIAN CAREER FAIR 2014

Date: 30 March 2014  
Time: 9am – 6pm  
Venue: Lancaster London Hotel, London, UK

### List of participating organisations:

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|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. AIA Bhd                                | 13. Gamuda Berhad                 | 27. PwC Malaysia                    |
| 2. Axiata                                 | 14. INTEL Malaysia                | 28. Securities Commission Malaysia  |
| 3. Accenture Solutions Sdn Bhd            | 15. ICAEW                         | 29. Shell Malaysia                  |
| 4. ACCA                                   | 16. Khazanah Nasional Bhd         | 30. Samsung Malaysia Electronics    |
| 5. CIMB GROUP                             | 17. Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (KWP) | 31. Sunway Group                    |
| 6. Citibank Berhad                        | 18. KPMG in Malaysia              | 32. UEM Group Bhd                   |
| 7. Chemical Company of Malaysia Bhd (CCM) | 19. Lafarge                       | 33. UMW Corporation                 |
| 8. Dyson                                  | 20. Maybank Berhad                | 34. Talent Corporation Malaysia Bhd |
| 9. Deloitte                               | 21. Maxis Berhad                  | 35. Taylor's Education Group        |
| 10. EY                                    | 22. NEST Consulting               | 36. Teach for Malaysia              |
| 11. ExxonMobil Subsidiaries in Malaysia   | 23. Nestle Malaysia               | 37. Telekom Malaysia                |
| 12. Employee Provident Fund (EPF)         | 24. OCBC Bank (M) Berhad          |                                     |
|   | 25. Petronas                      |                                     |
|   | 26. Pharmaniaga Berhad            |                                     |

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2014

The Malaysian Career Fair never fails to attract the brightest of talent and the most engaging of employers. This year, representatives from a total of close to 40 organisations and institutions from Malaysia will take part. More than 3,500 individuals are expected to take advantage of what the fair has in store.

### ENGAGING ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

The fair will feature activities that will provide participants with insight into what it takes to be hired and how to stand out from the competition. These include:

#### - Corporate luncheon

An exclusive networking session for talents to network and mingle with CEOs and top management of Malaysia's best employers. Open only to invited individuals.

#### - Career fair

Each year, The Malaysian Career Fair ropes in participation from top organisations and institutions throughout Malaysia to share career opportunities available with them with more than 3,500 talent from all over the UK and EIRE. During the fair, they attend interviews (both scheduled and walk-ins) as well as take assessment tests with organisations they hope to secure employment with. The fair is also a

great opportunity for the individuals to visit organisations' booths to learn more about the companies

#### - Something new this year - UKEC Awards

The United Kingdom & Eire Council (UKEC) of Malaysian Students will launch its inaugural UKEC Award, open to all Malaysian societies in the UK and Eire. The award which comprises six categories, is an initiative to help increase the scale, quality, and creativity of student-organised events.

#### - Student Networking Session With Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar

Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, will be sharing his professional journey and his advice on overcoming the struggles that happen in both career and life to students from all backgrounds.

#### - Session with JPA and MARA scholars

JPA and MARA scholars will get a chance to meet and greet with Abdul Wahid. On top of that, these scholars will get an opportunity to engage and network with the top leading Malaysian employers at the career fair.

## ["I GOT HIRED!"]

## INDIVIDUALS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND TIPS WITH THE MALAYSIAN CAREER FAIR



**ALIA ISHAK, CORPORATE CLIENT SOLUTIONS, CIMB INVESTMENT BANK**

"It was a great networking event – with the organisations that attended and also students from all over the UK.

There was a wide range of organisations that attended the fair, which made it easy for me to go around and ask questions pertaining to job opportunities back home.

I managed to land myself a few offers from big organisations too! I had some interviews done on the spot but specifically for CIMB, I was called for an interview with the director of HR at our London office.

**Who knew, four years later, here I am still with the firm, having just recently worked in CIMB London and now back at the KL office doing client coverage."**



**NURLISA AHMAD, PROCESS ENGINEER, EXXONMOBIL**

"The fair helped me understand the relevance of my degree to various positions. Little did I know that my degree in Chemical Engineering would be relevant even to the banking sector.

I was very lucky to have secured a job through the fair. I was asked for a pre-interview with ExxonMobil during the career fair where I eventually made it to the final stage and eventually nailed the job. I joined Exxon two months after my graduation.

Needless to say, the fair was a worthwhile experience. **It was a great way to 'shop' for job opportunities, network, and make personal contacts with recruiters from various organisations.** It also gave me an insight into the current job market in Malaysia."



**AINUN KUAN, PRODUCTION EXECUTIVE (STERILE), CCM DUOPHARMA (M) SDN BHD**

"With a crispy new resume in my folder, clad in formal attire and my best hair do, I marched into the career fair through a sea of fresh-faced students hunting for a desirable job. It was actually my first job-hunting experience, so I did not know what to expect.

I thought it was an excellent way to secure a job as well as meet with potential employers from various field.

I was offered an interview by CCM and was quite lucky to be offered a job. **My experience with the fair was worthwhile. I gained a lot of knowledge from it."**



**JEREMY NG, ASSOCIATE IN PwC ADVISORY, PwC**

**"The aim of the fair is to have a consolidated platform for the Malaysian student population in the UK to effectively and efficiently engage with recruiters and chart the beginnings of their career.**

It is not very often you get the luxury of the best employers from Malaysia fly over to engage you personally, all in one place!

The fair provided a fantastic opportunity for me to get to know many Malaysian companies better.

I had the privilege of getting to know my current employer, PwC, through their people who drive the culture of the workplace. It provides another perspective when considering which companies to apply for."



**SYEDA FARIHA PREANKA, GLOBAL MAYBANK APPRENTICE, MAYBANK**

"I had a very unique experience at UKEC Malaysian Career Fair. My initial intention was only to explore opportunities in Malaysia as an international student, but in the end, I gained more than that!

Not only did I land a conditional job offer with Maybank at the fair, I also entered the Grand Finals of the Maybank GO Ahead Challenge, an international business case competition organised by Maybank.

I always see career fairs as reality checkpoints offering both personal and professional development learnings. **It's an extremely value-adding and enriching experience for students to learn more about the job market."**