
FIVE YOUNG SCIENTISTS REPRESENT MALAYSIA IN THE 72ND NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 June 2023 – Five young scientists will represent Malaysia in the 72nd Nobel Laureate Meetings in Lindau, Germany, from 25 – 30 June 2023. They are among 635 selected young scientists globally who will interact directly with about 40 Nobel Laureates in this meeting, which is dedicated to Physiology/Medicine.

The five young scientists are Dr Liyana Azmi, 34 (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia), Dr Norhasmira Mohammad, 33 (Universiti Teknologi MARA), Dr Wong Yin How, 35 (Taylors University), Dr Afifah Mohamed, 33 and Dr Wong Sok Kuan, 34 (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia). Through the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), Malaysia has sent 84 young scientists, including this year's participants, to participate in the Nobel Laureate Meetings since 2004.

"MOSTI emphasises the need to provide opportunities for young Malaysian scientists to participate in globally recognised programs, such as the Nobel Laureate Meetings. These young scientists become valuable assets to the scientific community by sharing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas. This step is crucial to ensure that the new generation of scientists is equipped with relevant knowledge and skills to face future challenges," remarked MOSTI Minister YB Tuan Chang Lih Kang.

The President of ASM also serves as the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisor to the Prime Minister and the Nation, Academician Datuk Dr Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen FASc said, "Malaysia's participation in the Nobel Laureate Meetings is one of ASM's efforts through international collaboration to empower young scientists by providing them with opportunities to collaborate with leading scientists worldwide. It also offers them valuable exposure, including expanding networks, sharing ideas, knowledge, and research. This programme is expected to inspire and motivate them to advance science and technology, thus positively impacting society."



From 21 September to 7 October 2022, ASM opened the 72nd Nobel Laureate Meetings nominations to all young scientists nationwide from public and private universities. ASM conducted an initial screening, and the Nobel Laureate Meetings committee members made the final selection. Nominations for this programme are open annually based on the designated field of science.

The secretariat of the meeting informed that there would be about 40 Nobel Prize laureates participating in this programme, presenting their research and sharing their experiences with all the attending young scientists. In addition, the young scientists will participate in sessions including lectures, open discussions, and opportunities to casually meet the Nobel Prize laureates through the 'Laureate Lunch'.

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