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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

MALAYSIA TO SEND THREE YOUNG SCIENTISTS TO THE 75TH LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 JUNE 2026 – Three outstanding Malaysian young scientists have been selected to represent the nation at the 75th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, one of the world's most prestigious gatherings of Nobel Laureates and emerging researchers to be held in Lindau, Germany from 28 June to 3 July 2026. Representing Malaysia are Dr. Nur Liyana Mohammed Yusof, 34, of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), as well as Dr. Pershaanaa K. Manogran, 29, and Dr. Ruth Naomi Manuel, 31, both from Universiti Malaya (UM).

The Malaysian delegates will join more than 600 young scientists and around 75 Nobel Laureates from across the globe for the interdisciplinary anniversary edition of the meeting, which is organised around the interconnected themes: Resilience, Information, Integrity and Life; reflecting how today's most pressing scientific challenges increasingly transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Dr. Nur Liyana is a lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, UKM. Her research focuses on myocardial ischaemia-reperfusion injury, cardioprotection and novel therapeutic strategies for acute myocardial infarction. "I feel deeply honoured and excited by the opportunity to attend this meeting. Coming from Malaysia and pursuing cardiovascular research with global clinical relevance, I see this meeting as a rare opportunity to learn directly from some of the world's most inspiring scientific minds," she said.

Dr. Pershaanaa is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Physics at UM. Specialising in advanced materials for next-generation energy storage, her research primarily focuses on high-performance electrode materials and integrated energy harvesting-storage systems for next-generation hybrid supercapacitors. “It has always been my dream to meet Nobel Laureates and, one day, become a scientist who contributes meaningfully to society and the global scientific community,” she expressed.

Dr. Ruth Naomi Manuel is a postdoctoral fellow at UM’s Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences. Her research specialises in obesity, the gut-brain axis, neuroscience and computational modelling to better understand how metabolic disorders and environmental factors influence brain function, cognition and behaviour. “This is a valuable opportunity to learn from Nobel Laureates and connect with outstanding young scientists worldwide. I look forward to exchanging ideas, building collaboration and gaining new inspiration for my work in neuroscience and human health,” she shared.

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, YB Datuk Chang Lih Kang, said Malaysia’s participation in global scientific platforms such as the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting reflects the Government’s commitment to developing future-ready talent, in line with the aspirations of the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan, 2026-2030.

“The Thirteenth Malaysia Plan places strong emphasis on developing future-ready talent across the learning continuum, including through greater exposure to STEM, digital skills and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. Participation in programmes such as the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting gives our young scientists global exposure, networks and perspectives that are essential to strengthening innovation, national competitiveness and high-value growth,” he said.

President of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) and Science, Technology and Innovation Advisor to the Prime Minister and the Nation, Academician Datuk Dr. Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen FASc, said ASM views the programme as an important platform to nurture scientific leadership and strengthen Malaysia’s research capabilities. “By connecting our young scientists with Nobel Laureates and peers from

around the world, we are enabling Malaysian talent to take part in high-calibre scientific exchange, build meaningful collaboration and contribute to solutions for complex global and national challenges,” he said.

ASM has served as Malaysia’s official nominating body to the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting since 2004. To date, 92 Malaysian scientists have participated through ASM’s nomination, placing ASM and Malaysia within the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting’s global network of more than 200 academic partners and leading scientific institutions worldwide.

Organised annually by the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, the programme provides a unique opportunity for emerging researchers to engage directly with Nobel Laureates through Laureate Lectures, Nobel Hours, Science Walks, Laureate Lunches, workshops and the Next Gen Science sessions, complemented by panel discussions and other networking events that encourage interdisciplinary exchange and international collaboration.

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