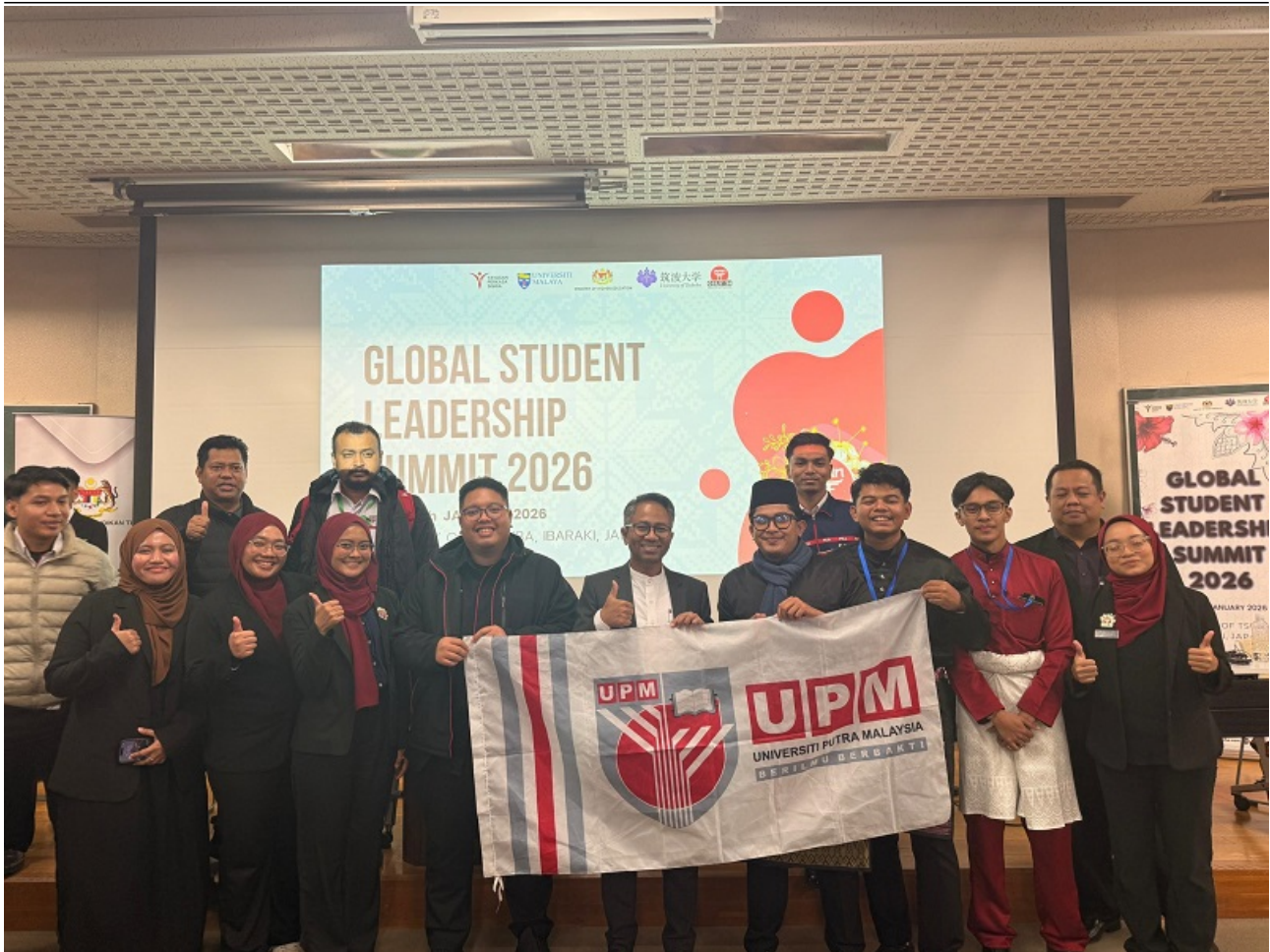

UPM Students Represent Malaysia at Global Students Leadership Summit 2026, Champion Youth Issues on the World Stage



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SERDANG, 16 January – Seven students from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) brought pride to the university and the nation after being selected to represent Malaysia at the Global Students Leadership Summit 2026 (GSL2026), an international platform dedicated to discussions on leadership, youth development and future sustainability.

Held under the theme “Nurturing Future Global Leaders,” the summit was jointly organised by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, and the University of Tsukuba. It brought together young leaders, students and student affairs and alumni administrators from universities in Malaysia and abroad.

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The conference featured paper presentations and discussions across four key clusters: Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement; Lifelong Learning and Future Skills; Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology for Social Impact; as well as Climate Action and Sustainability.



UPM's delegation was led by the President of the UPM Student Representative Council for the 2025/2026 session, Nuqman Naufal, a Bachelor of Science (Human Development) student from the Faculty of Human Ecology. He presented a paper titled "Empowering the Pulau Tuba Community through Sustainable Practices of PUTRA Tuba Compost" and shared findings related to the UPM i-Hope Index.

Throughout the summit, UPM students presented papers addressing a wide range of youth and community development issues. Among them were Munahafiy Saliha Nurjannah Nor Helme, a Bachelor of Dietetics student from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, who highlighted the B40 Self Development Camp initiative aimed at strengthening post-secondary education aspirations, and Nur Syakirah Farzana Mohd Idris, a Bachelor of Science (Human Development) student, who presented research on student intellectual movements through IQRA'.



Nur Sufiah Yaacob, a Bachelor of Animal Science student from the Faculty of Agriculture, discussed efforts to enhance STEM literacy among Orang Asli children through community-based educational innovations. Other presenters included Muhammad Afiq Asram, a Bachelor of Biomedical Science student, who introduced the F.H.E youth entrepreneurship module, Muhammad Azri Anuar Nizar, a Bachelor of Agricultural Science student focusing on university youth leadership through sustainable agriculture, and Muhammad Luqman Hakim Nushuro, a Bachelor of Food Studies student from the Faculty of Food Science and Technology.

Meanwhile, UPM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Prof. Dr. Arifin Abdu, was invited as a guest speaker for a pocket talk titled "Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement: Look East Policy." He shared his academic journey in Japan, emphasising the importance of self-discipline, work ethics and leadership values in shaping youth identity.



The active participation of UPM students and leadership at GSLS2026 not only strengthened the university's international networks, but also underscored UPM's commitment to developing student leadership through global exposure, experiential learning and the internalisation of universal values in nurturing future leaders.