

# Malaysian elected to global alliance for road safety

UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia Safe Kids Malaysia executive director Assoc Prof Dr Kulanthayan K.C. Mani (*pic*) has been elected to the Global Alliance's board of directors for a four-year term until 2023.

He was among five candidates nominated from Senegal, India, Brazil, Thailand and Canada for the two vacant board positions. Dr Kulanthayan was elected together with the candidate from India.

"It is an honour to the country for being elected to the Board of Directors of the Global Alliance of Road Safety by members from 90 countries," he said at the Sixth Global Meeting of Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, which held its General Assembly on April 13 in Chania, Greece.

The Global Alliance, which was set up in 2012, has more than 225 member organisations from over 90 countries. Its mission is to unite, empower and strengthen NGOs to stimulate collaborative advocacy, action and accountability for road



safety and road victims.

In his acceptance speech, Dr Kulanthayan urged all Global Alliance members to work together to address the new target of Sustainable Development Goal 3.6 to reduce the number of road deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030 as set by the United Nations.

He also stressed the importance of continuous capacity building among Global Alliance members and offered UPM as an avenue for them to undertake postgraduate studies in the field of road safety research.