


# CULTURE CONNECT

## BEYOND BORDERS BEYOND BOOKS

# THROUGH STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WE ACHIEVED

## CONNECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE, FLOURISHING TOGETHER

### The Blue Ribbon Global

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**Partner in strategic planning, execution and collaboration**

### RCE Greater Kuala Lumpur

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REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE
Education for Sustainable Development

**Endorsement for aligning programme with Education for Sustainable Development, SDGs & youth/community engagement**

### UCSI International School

UCSI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
KUALA LUMPUR

**Collaboration in hosting Sports Competition and UCSI boarding student participation with our camp participants**

### UCSI University & Youth Beyond Boundaries

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**Hosted planting & green activities along with a workshop simulation on Climate Change**

# PARTICIPANTS FOR CULTURE CONNECT 2026

- **19 students** (9 from A Singapore international school, 10 from MEGA)
- **6 nationalities** (Malaysian, Switzerland, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Croatia)
- **11 languages** (Malay, Chinese, English, Orang Asli language, Croatian, German, French, Greek, Bengali, Czech, Slovak)



# ONLINE SESSIONS

## BRIDGING CULTURES & BREAKING BARRIERS

Two online onboarding sessions to help reduce initial awkwardness, initiate group teamwork and introduce individual cultures through language and cultural items.

Cultural sensitivity was also addressed to ensure respect and kindness in communication and discussions.

“I was nervous at first but after realising the other students first language was not English, I became more confident to speak in English.”

“You can learn about other interesting cultures while strengthening your qualities.”











# 3D2N CAMP IN KL

**Activities:**

- Batik painting
- Nature discovery
- Garden quest
- Sports competition
- Gardening & planting
- Climate Change simulation
- Cultural Night
- Reflections
- Affirmation

**Everyone loved sports competition & cultural night!**

# NATURE DISCOVERY AND GARDEN QUEST AT GARDEN SPRING CHERAS

## Exploring Nature



## Learning Through Hands-on Activities



## Connecting With Environment




Facilitated by Norani (Director of TBR) and team

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# THANK YOU THE BLUE RIBBON GLOBAL

**With heartfelt appreciation**
**to Norani and the team**
**from The Blue Ribbon Global**
**for crafting the nature discovery and**
**garden quest experience,**
**hosting Culture Connect 2026,**
**and providing on-site accommodation**
**support for the Orang Asli participants**
**and the Culture Connect team.**




Your care, hospitality, and partnership helped create a safe and meaningful space for the participants to thrive, connect, and grow in sustainability practices and appreciation of the environment.

Thank you for journeying with Culture Connect 2026 from vision to experience.

# SPORTS COMPETITION AT UCSI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Captain Ball



## Mario Kart




## Galah Panjang



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# SPORTS AS THE BRIDGE: KEY IMPACTS

## Most Loved Activity



## Bonding Through Play



## Teamwork in Action



*“Sports helped us unite even though we came from different backgrounds.”*

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# THANK YOU UCSI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**With appreciation to UCSI International School for hosting us and providing the venue, facilities, and sports equipment.**




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# GREENING ACTIVITY AT UCSI UNIVERSITY

**Hands-on sustainability learning at UCSI University**

## Planted Saplings



## Learning by Doing



## Care for Community & Environment



Facilitated by Irwin (Head of Logistics) and Norani (Director of TBR)

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# Climate Change Simulation

**Exploring how climate change can only happen by working together**







Facilitated by Lyvia and Shannen (Head of UCSI University Trust)

with Youth Beyond Boundaries (UCSI University)

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# THANK YOU UCSI UNIVERSITY




**With heartfelt appreciation to UCSI University for supporting Culture Connect 2026 through sponsored venues, facilities, intercity transport, and meaningful learning experiences.**

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# CULTURAL NIGHT

**A night of interactive showcasing of cultures through dance, music, song, and quizzes that were independently cultivated alongside affirmation, gifts exchange and awards.**

# MEASURING IMPACT



# TESTIMONIALS

"We arrived as strangers and left as friends."

- Student participant

"Excellent exposure for cross cultural understanding and connects students in ways they might not otherwise experience."

- Staff observation

"Before this I was shy to speak English, but now I feel more confident."

- Student participant

*"Even though we all grow up differently, there are always things we have in common."*

*"I don't usually like this kind of event, but next time I want to join again."*

**"It is a great cultural weekend and you'll get to meet the nicest and best friends from all possible communities and cultures."**







# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Language barriers require more bilingual facilitation support
- Informal interaction time was one of the strongest relationship-building elements
- Sports and collaborative games were highly effective
- More downtime and rest periods should be incorporated
- Future programmes should strengthen early team bonding activities

# WHAT'S NEXT?

- expanded programme duration with more breaks
- Kuala Lumpur sightseeing
- deeper community & bonding immersion
- stronger language accessibility
- more cultural elements
- Cyberdeck sponsorship
- adoption of an Orang Asli home/center/village
- tiered fees structure

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