

The 23rd ACP International Field Study Program



We are pleased to report that the program was a great success, thanks to the generous support of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)!

Dates: Sunday, August 21 – Saturday, September 4, 2025

Host: Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)

Co-organizer: ACP Consortium

Participants:

KUISs: 13 students, Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta (UAJY): 2 students,

UUM: 7 students

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

ACP INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDY 2025

WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

The ACP International Field Study 2025 is a dynamic, multidisciplinary, and immersive two-week academic and cultural exchange program, bringing together passionate students and young leaders from across ASEAN and Japan. Hosted by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), this field study experience is designed to empower participants with real-world understanding of disaster risk reduction (DRR), while cultivating cross-cultural collaboration and leadership skills. Participants will engage in a thoughtfully curated journey that includes:

- Visits to heritage and civil defense institutions in Penang
- Academic sessions and field-based learning at UUM
- Hands-on activities and simulation drills with disaster education specialists
- Collaborative poster presentations and thematic group projects
- Cultural immersion experiences

Program Date
20 AUG - 3 SEPT 2025

Location:
UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Promote cross-cultural understanding through immersive activities and collaboration between ASEAN and Japanese students.
- Strengthen knowledge and practical skills in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through field visits, workshops, and real-time drills.
- Encourage creative solutions and teamwork in addressing regional disaster challenges through youth-led group projects.
- Provide a platform for youth voices in policy and education dialogue through presentations and conferences.
- Celebrate cultural diversity and build lasting international friendships through shared experiences and performances.

Who Should Apply?

We welcome applications from:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate students from ACP Member Universities and Affiliates
- Youth leaders interested in disaster resilience, education, and cultural diplomacy

Program Fee
USD 750

PAYMENT DEADLINE
31 July 2025

Registration fee of USD 750.00 per head covers:

- Program fees, kit and certificate
- Field visits is program materials
- Accommodation & ground transport
- Daytime meals during the program

PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

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Program Schedule

20/08/25, Wed	Arrive at Penang International Airport
21/08/25, Thu	Cultural Roots & Crisis Wisdom: GTWH & Disaster Insight Exploring Herstory: A Journey into Civil Defense at APM Museum
22/08/25, Fri	Free and Easy to UUM Meet & Mingle: Buddy Up Icebreaker
23/08/25, Sat	Pitch & Right: Shaping The Future of DRR Education
24/08/25, Sun	Malaysia's Shield: A Disaster Management Introduction Shaping Ideas: Theme Clusters for DRR Projects
25/08/25, Mon	Hands-on Ready: DRR Education Planning Workshop
26/08/25, Tue	Real Time Impact: DRR Education at SMK Changlun
27/08/25, Wed	Drill Down: Gearing Up for ICT Evacuation at KMAC
28/08/25, Thu	Ready, Set, Evacuate! ICT Drill at KMAC
29/08/25, Fri	Design Sprint: Final Touches on Your Poster
30/08/25, Sat	Pitch Rehearsal: Perfecting Your Poster Presentation
31/08/25, Sun	Celebrate Malaysia National Day in ACP Setar Stage Ready: Polish Your Cultural Performance
01/09/25, Mon	Showcase Day: Presenting Student Impact Projects Presentation Review by Facilitators
02/09/25, Tue	Changlun of Change: Real Group Presentation The 14th ACP Conference
03/09/25, Wed	Depart from Alor Setar Airport

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Disaster Insight Exploring in Penang

Date: August 21-22, 2025

On August 22nd, ACP participants visited “SELAMAT DATANG KE MUZIUM”, the Civil Defence Museum, where students explored exhibits on the history and activities of APM (Museum Penang State Museum and Art Gallery). In addition to learning about responses to natural disasters, fires, and traffic accidents, they also gained insights into issues related to wildlife. The students were impressed by the wide range of APM’s work and left with a renewed awareness of everyday safety.



DRR Education at SMK Changlun

Date: August 26th, 2025

Venue: SMK Changlun (a national secondary school in Kedah, Malaysia)



Participants of the ACP International Field Study Program were divided into seven groups and conducted activities with students of SMK Changlun using DRR education materials, each group created. These activities provided young Malaysian students with an opportunity to think about disaster preparedness, and the exchange was filled with warm smiles and meaningful interactions.



ICT Drill at KAMC

Date: August 28th, 2025

Venue: Yan District, Kedah

The evacuation drill was conducted in Yan District, Kedah, Malaysia—a community severely affected by flooding in 2021. Using the geoBingAn app, which integrates WhatsApp with mapping and social media functions, local residents and students participated in a simulated disaster response. Students took on various roles and responded to real-time reports via the app, which collected 127 entries. The project demonstrated how ICT tools can empower communities by transforming passive victims into active contributors in disaster preparedness. This was supported by the Toyota Foundation's 2023 International Grant Program.

