

UNESCO Chair for Gender and vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction support, Kobe University

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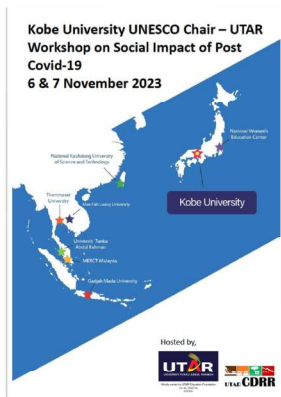
神戸大学ユネスコチェア ジェンダーや脆弱性に配慮した減災対策 神戸大学 男女共同参画推進室



Closing Seminar 12 March 2026

Reflection from UTAR's Team

- Our friendship in this UNESCO chair on gender equality on disaster risk reduction began on **1 April 2018** –Symposium, Summer programme, education programme, seminar, book writing assignment
- **The 1st term was ended in Feb 2022**, However, we found our way back to each other. – **1 April 2022**.
- Today, our relationship is facing its **second challenge**. We are once again **asked to separate**, as our journey at the destination comes to an end.
- Before we farewell to each other, let us share our **sweetest memory** – our **first physical meeting** after the COVID pandemic, which took place on UTAR Sungai Long campus, **Malaysia**.
 - **6 November 2023** – a **bright, sunny day**, when the **Kobe University UNESCO Chair – UTAR Workshop on the Social Impact of Post-COVID-19** was held.



Welcoming Speech by UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Ewe Hong Tat



Opening Remark by Chairperson of Kobe University UNESCO Chair Program Dr Ronni Alexander

DAY 1 The opening Session



Presentation of Token of Appreciation to the representative from Kobe University, Japan, by UTAR President



Group Photo of First Day Event



DAY 2 Group Photo-2 of school visit in Mentakab Pahang



Dr Tan Ooi Kuan chairing the school student activities



School student activities



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Presentation of Token of Appreciation to the School Principal for SMJK Hwa Lian Mentakab Mdm Gan Gok Moi by Dr Lim Ming Han, Chairperson of CDRR



Presentation of Token of Appreciation to the PPD Temerloh representative by Gs Dr Lim Ming Han, Chairperson of CDRR



Group Photo-1 of Second Day Event

OUR Achievement

- The two-days workshop involved **40 CDRR members and 40 UTAR students** on the first day at **UTAR Sungai Long Campus**, and **20 CDRR members and 200 students** from **SMJK Hwa Lian, Mentakab** on the second day;
- Representatives from **Kobe University (Japan)**, **National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan)**, and **Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia)** participated **in person**, while speakers from **Mae Fah Luang University** and **Thammasat University (Thailand)**, as well as **Pakistan**, joined **online**;
- The workshop provided a platform for **UNESCO Chair Programme** partners from **Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, and Taiwan** to discuss potential research topics on the **social impacts of post-COVID-19**, successfully achieving its objectives;
- Workshop outcomes include the potential development of **curriculum materials** (e.g. disaster and gender, vulnerability, well-being) and **future research grant proposals**, as well as increased **COVID-19 awareness and recovery planning** among school students through second-day activities

Before I end this sharing, let me also express my gratitude appreciation to all parties who have been part of our network:

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5. Dr Badur from Shifa Tameer-et-Millat University (STMU)
6. Mr Hafiz from MERCY Malaysia

—and many more who are not listed here, but are equally remembered and appreciated.

“All good things must come to an end but the memories remain forever...

Goodbye, and take care everyone !!