

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON MALAYSIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE *(source: UNDP Human Development Report 2016)*

- Population, total (millions): 30.3
- Human Development Index: 0.789; Rank: 59 (out of 188 countries, between Bahamas which ranks 58 and Palau which ranks 60)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 74.9
- Expected years of schooling (years): 13.1
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 24,620
- Internet users (% of population): 71.1
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 8.0  
*(UN Map of Malaysia at the end)*

### II. MALAYSIA/UNESCO COOPERATION

#### 1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since June 1958

#### 2. **Membership of the Executive Board:** Yes

(Term: 2015-2019) Represented by Hon. Dato'Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Minister of Education.  
(Previous term: 2007-2011)

#### 3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**

- Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme  
President : H.E. Ms Dato'Sri Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia, and Member of the Parliament of Malaysia for the Batang Lupar constituency in Sarawak  
Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) : Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, The Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia  
Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) : H.E. Ms Dato Sri Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia President of the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST Programme Malaysia  
Member (Term expires : 41st General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport  
Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee  
Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme  
Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission  
Member

#### 4. **The Director-general's visits in the country: 0**

#### 5. **The former Director-general's visit in the country: 2**

- 24-26 May 2015: official visit
- 20-23 May 2013: official visit

#### 6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

- H.E. Dr Anessee bin Ibrahim, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (February 2018)
- Staff: Mrs Zuraini Abidin, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Yun Rozimah Kushai, Administrative Attaché; Mrs Nor Latifah Hussin, Attaché (science)
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mohd Zulkifli Bin Mohammed (February 2012- January 2018)

#### 7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Malaysia is covered by the UNESCO Office in Jakarta.

- Director: Mr Shabaz Khan (D-1, Australia) since August 2015

8. **National Commission of Malaysia for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: July 1966
  - Chairman: The Honourable Dato' Seri Mahdzir Bin Khalid (November 2017)
  - Vice Chairperson: Dato' Sri Alias bin Haji Ahmadmad (since August 2017)
  
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
  - H.E. Ms Dato Sri Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia. President of the MOST IGC Bureau (For the period 2015-2019)
  - Prof. (Ms) Azizan Datin Baharuddin, former Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (2014-2017) and Member of the UNESCO International Association of Women Philosophers;
  - Mr Abdul Hamid Zakri, Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board; Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia and Chair, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);
  - Former Deputy Prime Minister Mr Anwar bin Ibrahim, former Member of the Executive Board (1987-1989) and President of the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference (1989);
  - Professor Saran KAUR GILL (University Kebangsaan) is a Member of the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education's Regional Scientific Committee for Asia and the Pacific;
  - Mr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, former member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (term expired: November 2008);
  - Mr Steven Gan, Editor-in-Chief of Malaysiakini.com, former Jury member of the UNESCO/Guillermo World Press Freedom Prize 2010.
  
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
  - UNESCO Chair on Future Studies at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Nilai (2016)
  - UNESCO Chair on International and Comparative Education Research (2016),
  
11. **Associated Schools: 68** (26 primary, 1 primary/secondary and 41 Secondary). Malaysia joined the ASP Network in 1965.
  
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2**
  - Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific, Kuala Lumpur
  - International Centre for South-South Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (ISTIC), Kuala Lumpur
  
13. **Biosphere Reserves: 2**
  - Tasik Chini (2009)
  - Crocker Range (2014)
  
14. **UNESCO Global geoparks: 1**
  - Langkawi Geopark (2007)
  
15. **World Heritage Sites: 4**

*Natural sites:*

  - Gunung Mulu National Park (2000)
  - Kinabalu Park (2000)

*Cultural sites:*

  - Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca (2008)
  - Archaeological Heritage of the Lenggong Valley (2012)
  
16. **Tentative Sites: 4** property
  - FRIM Selangor Forest Park (2017)
  - Gombak Selangor Quartz Ridge (2017)
  - Royal Belum State Park (2017)
  - National Park (Taman Negara) of Peninsular Malaysia (2014)

17. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 1 inscription on the Representative List
- Mak Yong Theatre (2008)
18. **Memory of the World Register:** 5 inscriptions
- Panji Tales Manuscripts (2017)
  - Batu Bersurat Terengganu (Inscribed Stone of Terengganu) (2009)
  - Correspondence of the late Sultan of Kedah -1882-1943 (2001)
  - Hikayat Hang Tuah (2001)
  - Sejarah Melayu (The Malay Annals) (2001)
19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
20. **Legal instruments:** 7 ratified and 33 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (23 July 2013)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: not yet ratified
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (20 December 2006)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: not yet ratified.
21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018/2019:** none