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CSSP STRENGTHENS MALAYSIA-INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE DIPLOMACY NETWORKS

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 July 2025 – From a classroom to the world's most advanced physics laboratory, two Malaysian students, Felicia Hwang Teen Teen, 28, and Muhammad Aiman Zulkipli, 21, are now among 150 selected young scientists from around the world at the CERN Summer Student Programme (CSSP) in Geneva, Switzerland. Through daily operations from June to August 2025, they will be joining a group of leading researchers conducting experiments at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), thus creating opportunities for collaboration and new discoveries in the field of particle physics.

Felicia Hwang Teen Teen is a student at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and is currently pursuing her Master of Science (Nuclear Science). According to Felicia, her selection in CSSP will be used to strengthen nuclear-related research in Malaysia.

“Being at CERN and working alongside some of the brightest minds in the world is an incredible experience. As a physics student, this is the most amazing and inspiring place. I hope that programmes like this will inspire younger generations of Malaysians to dare to dream and strive towards excellence in the field of science”.

Muhammad Aiman Zulkipli, a student at Lancaster University, United Kingdom, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Theoretical Physics, is confident that this experience will be an important foundation for his future academic journey and research career.

“Representing Malaysia in the CSSP programme is an incredible honour. A few years ago, this opportunity felt like a distant dream. Here, I not only get to work with experts from all over the world, but I also have the opportunity to deeply understand the latest technologies and experiments in particle physics”.

Since 2012, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) have been the official nominating bodies for Malaysian students to the CSSP. To date, Malaysia has sent 27 students, including this year's participants, to the CSSP. The programme provides the country's young scientists with the opportunity to experience world-class research first-hand and apply theoretical knowledge learned at university in a real-world research setting. Calls for participation in the CSSP will be open at the beginning of each year through ASM's official media channels.

MOSTI Minister, YB Tuan Chang Lih Kang described this participation as part of efforts to strengthen science diplomacy, in addition to human capital development. “MOSTI is committed to providing more international platforms for young Malaysian scientists to build global networks and contribute to world-class innovation. Their participation is in line with the MADANI Daya Cipta core, which contributes to the renewal and empowerment of human capital to generate more sustainable creativity for the global good, in addition to strengthening

science diplomacy and research networks at the international level.”

ASM President and Science, Technology and Innovation Advisor to the Prime Minister and the Nation, Academician Datuk Dr Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen FASc, stressed that programmes such as these support ASM’s mission to expand Malaysia’s involvement in the global science ecosystem. According to him, “CSSP is not just a training programme, it is a bridge to international research collaboration and cross-cultural knowledge exchange that strengthens the country’s scientific reputation”.

According to the CSSP website, this programme provides a unique opportunity for bachelor’s and master’s degree students in physics, computing, engineering and mathematics to participate in daily research assignments with research teams. In addition to prestigious world-class research experience, participants also have the opportunity to experience the working atmosphere in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment, providing invaluable personal experience.

Throughout the programme, in addition to direct involvement in the research team, participants also attend a series of lectures delivered by experts in theoretical physics, experimental particle physics and computing from various countries. Participants will also visit particle accelerator facilities and experimental areas, in addition to discussion sessions, workshops, and poster presentations of research findings.

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