Come and experience the vibrant allure of Kuala Lumpur, one of Asia’s fastest-growing and Malaysia’s largest cities! Kuala Lumpur boasts captivating colonial architecture and an enchanting urban ambiance.

Immerse yourself in the HKU–Common Purpose Leadership Development program, a transformative journey that unites around 30 HKU students. This exceptional experience is designed to elevate your Cultural Intelligence and equip you with vital skills for excelling in cross-cultural teams while exploring a new city.

This initiative facilitates dynamic interactions among students and industry leaders, fostering profound insights and honing skills necessary to thrive in the evolving landscape of work.

The programme will enable students to:

⇒ Develop your cultural Intelligence (CQ) skills
⇒ Practise your inter-cultural and collaboration skills through partnerships
⇒ Explore organizational practices
⇒ Learn Critical skills that will set you on the right path to future success
⇒ Learn about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
⇒ Develop your ability to work in cross-cultural teams and environments
⇒ Gain access to leading organizations across Kuala Lumpur through project execution

By actively engaging in authentic projects within Kuala Lumpur’s organizations, you will have the invaluable opportunity to apply and refine these skills in real-world scenarios.

“This activity has the potential to be life-changing. I used to be someone who was afraid of failure, but thanks to this activity I feel more inclined to embrace failure.”

Bachelor of Engineering, HKU Student
Programme stages

Stage 1: 8-3 May 2024—Cultural Intelligence Accelerator—Asynchronous course

Cultural Intelligence Accelerator is an experiential online asynchronous course designed to grow your Cultural Intelligence (CQ) - the ability to cross divides and thrive in multiple cultures as well as prepare you to work in global contexts and be better able to understand other cultures and suspend assumptions in unfamiliar environments—all crucial attributes needed to be successful in our workplace, societies and communities.

Pre departure briefing: May, date to be confirmed—Online via zoom

A chance to ask questions about your time in Kuala Lumpur followed by a 30 minute travel information session led by HKU Staff.

Stage 2: Monday 3 June—Wednesday 5 June 2024—In person in Kuala Lumpur

Convening as one group to understand our immersion city, KL

Stage 3: Thursday 6 June 2024—In person in Kuala Lumpur

Collab: Gaining a better understanding of the workplaces in the city and practising your employability skills through creating partnerships

Stage 4: Friday 7 June 2024—In person in Kuala Lumpur

Meeting your organization attachment host

Monday 10 June—27 June - In person in Kuala Lumpur

Organizational attachments: practising your employability skills in a real-world environment through an organization in the city

Stage 5: Friday 28 June 2024—In person in Kuala Lumpur

Reflections and looking ahead

Stage 6: September, Jamboree—Date TBC—Online via zoom