

Sustainable Global Societies Initiative (SGS)

Lincoln-SPAST Global Sustainability Programme & Conferences



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MoU

Background

The *Sustainable Global Societies Initiative* (SGS-24) is an essential part of the Lincoln-SPAST Global Sustainability programme & Conferences, held quarterly on the 24th and 25th of January, April, July, and October each year. This series of events is a collaborative platform hosted by Lincoln University College Malaysia and SPAST Foundation, dedicated to advancing sustainability through research. As a key event under the *Lincoln Global Postdoctoral & Researcher Programme (L-GPR)*, SGS-24 facilitates knowledge exchange by connecting emerging researchers with accomplished professionals and field experts, creating a unique environment for presenting progressive research in sustainable development.

Role of SPAST in University Partner Alliance

The SPAST Foundation will be the dedicated partner for Lincoln University College Malaysia (LUCM) on the LGPR. SPAST, a non-profit Section 8 company, along with its VectMag Conferences brand, has been entrusted with a critical mission to advance the SGS program under LUCM's guidance. Over the next 10 years, SPAST and VectMag will serve as the primary contact for universities joining the LGPR as partners. Acting as LUCM's external arm, SPAST will manage diverse research and development initiatives within the LGPR framework.

Role of SPAST and VectMag

SPAST and VectMag will be solely responsible for executing the conferences, research consulting and publication activities on the LGPR and SGS.

Scope of the MoU

1. SPAST and its entities shall coordinate and arrange supervisors through LUCM.
2. SPAST and its entities shall arrange the six online review meetings at an interval of 2 months.
3. SPAST and its entities shall organize conferences and the researchers of the partner university have to fulfil the requirements of the programme.
4. Through the conference thorough guidance shall be provided to researchers of the partner university/institute/college (Partner organization) on research strategies, publication strategies and publishing options.
5. Partner organization will encourage its researchers to enrol for the programme as many as possible. This is necessary as it will enhance the research engagement and ranking of the partner university through increased SCI/SSCI/EI SCOPUS journal publications.

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6. Partner organization shall send atleast 4 reminders before each enrolment cycle to its staff and researchers.
7. Both parties will publicize the partnership through websites and inclusion of logos on each other's websites.

Benefits of the MoU

1. LUCM will provide its esteemed brand name and access to its research expertise, enabling partner organizations to amplify their publication output through this partnership. Thus, increasing their global ranking stature in the immediate future.
2. Additionally, researchers will gain valuable exposure to a transnational research environment.
3. Researchers from partner organizations will enhance their professional profiles and acquire valuable experience, facilitating opportunities for prestigious research positions globally.
4. LUCM and SPAST will prioritize the development of shared research facilities, which will be accessible to partner organizations, fostering collaborative and advanced research capabilities.
5. SPAST will offer exceptional researchers award for 10 best performing researchers/supervisors globally.

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