

## UCSI SDG MONTH 2021

### World Environment Day – Teen Virtual Gathering 4th June 2021 Friday (2 to 4 PM)

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#### 2021 THEME - ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

#### Co-Organisers:

UCSI Group – SDG Secretariat Office

UCSI International School (Spring Hill)

The Blue Ribbon Global – Education4CAP

**In conjunction with:** UCSI Group SDG Month 2021

**Hosted virtually by:** Potato Productions, Singapore

#### Background

We share one home, Planet Earth. In the recent decades, its ecosystems are being degraded at a very alarming rate. Its restoration demands intentional collaboration from multilayers and multi-generational societal members. Without collective action for its healing, the future is no longer sustainable, and it will be impossible for us to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the needs of the future generation. This World Environment Day is an important global effort organised to create awareness on the pressing needs of our environment and to call for action in regards to our planet regeneration. The global event has been celebrated annually since 1974 on 5 June.

## What Is This Programme About?

This 2-hour teen virtual gathering is designed to connect and to inspire youths for an active participation in environmental care. The gathering brings high school teens from diverse backgrounds, local and international. Now, more than ever, the future generation needs to accelerate their learning and enhance their skills and resilience towards extreme climate change. This gathering aspires to catalyze this mission.

## Who Should Come?

- Youth 14 and older who are keen on environmental care
- Those who are at high school education level (formal and non-formal)
- Mentors, teachers and home education parents

## How to Register?

**Fee:** Free

**Online Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/wedtyg521>

## What Is the Programme Like?

### 4 JUNE (FRIDAY) PROGRAM FLOW (TBC) 2.00 to 4.00 PM

<b>2.00 pm</b>	Opening and Welcome Speech
<b>2.15 pm</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Group Breakout (Ice-breaker Activity)
<b>2.30 pm</b>	Main Session - Launching of Teens Celebration for World Environment Day Restoring Forest Ecosystem for Sustainable Development by Tan Sri Dr Salleh
<b>2.50 pm</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Group Breakout (Activity 1)
<b>3.00 pm</b>	Main Session (3 presenters - 7 min/person)
<b>3.30 pm</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Group Breakout (Activity 2) & Group Picture
<b>3.40 pm</b>	Main Session – Presentation of Group Poster & Group Picture
<b>4.00 pm</b>	End of Session

## Tentative Activities for Group Breakout

**1<sup>st</sup> Group Breakout (Ice-breaker):** Each group is given 4 pictures on possible actions for restoring the environment. Each participant is to say 'I am xxxx, I choose to yyy, and I pass to zzz'. Once done, they colour the picture of the action they choose, and write down their names on the chosen action picture. The team leader will take picture of this collective painting and post at the event Facebook.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Group Breakout (Activity 1):** Each teen shares on his/her project: (1) about the seed and plants they propagated OR (2) any environmental restoration project they did as part of this celebration. The pictures are to be uploaded at the event Facebook. They are to share their pictures with the group.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Group Breakout (Activity 2):** Teens create a digital campaign poster on 'Ecosystem Restoration' together. Then, share at the event Facebook.

## Who is Our Distinguished Guest Speaker?

### Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Salleh Mohd. Nor

Academician, Forester, Conservationist  
A Council Member of UCSI University

Tan Sri Salleh keeps nature and the forest close to his heart. He was the President of the Malaysian Nature Society for 30 years, and the first Director General of the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM). He was also the first person outside United States and Europe to be elected President of the International Union of Forestry Research that is based in Vienna. Dr Salleh took on leadership in many NGOs. Among them are the Malaysian Turtle Protection Society, the Malaysian Scientific Association, and Academy Sciences of Malaysia. He was the key person responsible for conserving numerous forest sites in Malaysia, including the oldest reserve forest, Kota Damansara Forest, the Endau-Rompin National Park, the Royal Belum State Park and the Bukit Kiara Park.



## Who are Our Teen and Youth Presenters?



**Maria Chan Ruyi**  
UCSI International School, Springhill



**Tony Dal Sal Lian**  
Teens4CAP (TBR Global)



**Maia Raymond**  
PermaYouth, Australia

**Maria Chan** is a final year student at UCSI International School Springhill. She is passionately involved in the welfare of animals and care for the environment. Her latest class project was on saving seeds. Maria also loves sports and is a committee member of the Eco-School. She was one of the winners of the World Soil Day 2020 video with slogan competition. A teen with great compassion, Maria donated the cash prize received from The Blue Ribbon Global to Rumah Charis (home for the aged and home for children).

**Tony Lian** is the co-founder of Teens4CAP, an educational programme that provides interactive learning on eco-edible urban gardening, soil regeneration and sustainable living for high-school aged teens. Since June 2020, his online classes and practical sessions have educated more than 100 youths, including UCSI University students and the public. Tony has a great interest in multimedia design and is the lead video producer for UCSI Living Lab. His COVID 19 educational videos produced in Myanmar language had more than 2 million clicks. He is also the ICT trainer for UCSI Vocational Internship Programme for refugee teens. Currently, Tony is doing his apprenticeship at UCSI Living Lab.

**Maia Raymond** is the co-founder of Permayouth, a movement for positive and practical action using permaculture principles to care for the planet and humanity. It is led by a group of 11 to 17 year olds teens, from the refugee camps to metropolises around the world. Together they host monthly festivals, run workshops and camps, write songs and so on. Maia loves photography, writing poetry, music and sharing stories of personal ecosystems and culture, and celebrating life through arts and the imagination.

## What Are the Expected Outcomes from this Gathering?

### For Student Participants:

- Identify opportunities that they can be involved in for ecosystem restoration in their local community.
- Enhance capability in sharing ideas, opinions or perspectives about the ecosystem restoration with other participants.
- Build networking opportunities with other participants and build interest in terms of future community service projects.
- Build capacity in making smart choices in terms of activities in daily life and help to build awareness among the local community or their school.

### For Teachers/ Mentors/ Home Education Parents:

- Networking and collaboration opportunities among environmental care educators for future events.
- Be a role model for the younger generation by practising sustainability at home or in the local community.
- Stay connected with the younger generation by doing activities together with the youth in their own community and encouraging them to be globally engaged.

## ORGANISING PARTNERS

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