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# Valuable exposure for 12 local undergraduates

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Twelve undergraduates from eight universities in Malaysia will get an opportunity to engage in an international forum to discuss global issues and also receive leadership training by some of the world's most experienced business leaders.

The opportunity comes in the form of AIESEC's International Congress 2009 that starts on Saturday at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Seri Kembangan near here.

AIESEC is an international platform for young people to explore and develop their potential.

Apart from the 12 Malaysian undergraduates, there will also be another 588 international participants at the 10-day congress.

Various activities are also being planned during the 10-day event in which more than 3,000 Malaysian youths will also be participating.

Communication head for the congress, Michelle Phoong Yoke Ping said Malaysia would also benefit greatly in hosting the event as

it provides a platform to showcase Malaysia's cultures and businesses to the AIESEC network of current members, alumnus, and partners.

Phoong said the congress, themed "Empowering Leaders Across Cultures", aims at connecting leaders from different cultures, beliefs and values to come together to make the world a better place.

She said the congress was being held here because it was AIESEC's way of recognising Malaysian students' active participation in its international events.

She said: "Our students' active participation in the areas of learning networks where member communities join the alumni, organisations, and professionals to develop skills, knowledge and networking over common topics of interest.

"We currently have four main learning networks, namely on HIV-AIDS, social entrepreneur-

ship, technology and sustainability."

About 300 Malaysian youth from eight of its Malaysian chapter member universities are expected to be sent abroad under AIESEC's programme this year.

AIESEC has become a keyword in the area of student empowerment, networking and interaction with the world outside the campus, for students at 1,700 universities worldwide.

The acronym is constantly heard in news involving university students in 107 countries with its popularity spreading rapidly.

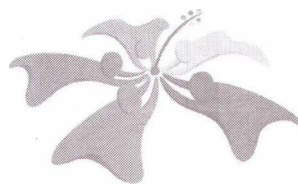
AIESEC's activities include its annual international congress, student-industry matching and international cultural exchange and global learning programmes.

Entirely student-run, AIESEC has over 60 years of experience in developing high-potential students into globally minded responsible leaders.

It has grown from its humble beginnings as an effort to promote friendly relations among countries that were affected by the World War 2.

With a membership of 35,000 students, AIESEC also runs an exchange programme that enables over 5,500 students and graduates the opportunity to live and work in other countries.

For more details, visit <http://www.ic2009malaysia.org>



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