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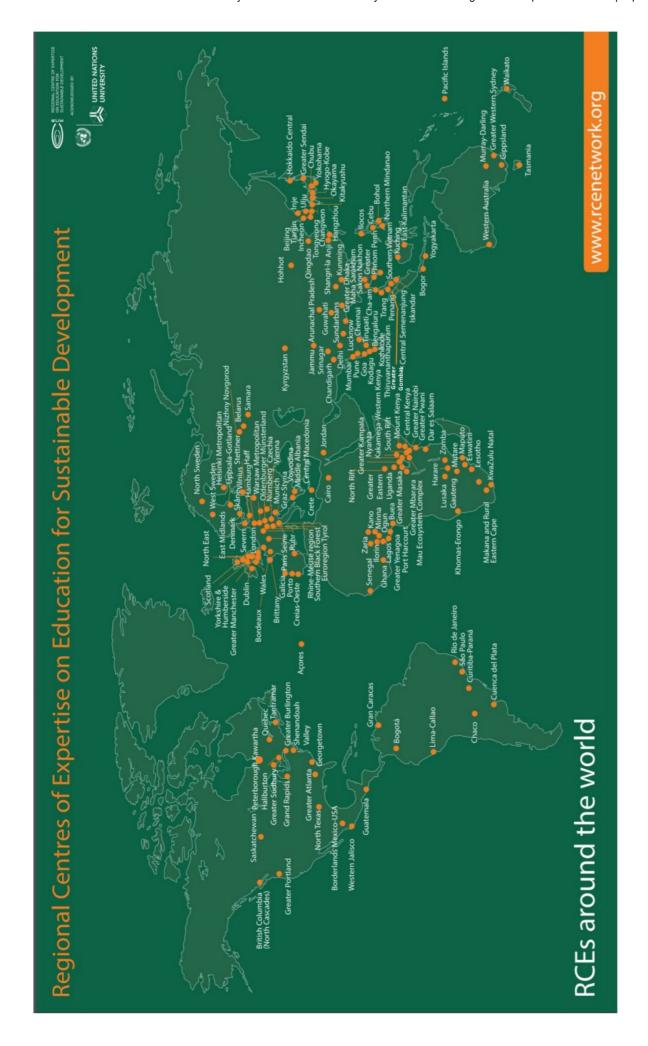
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RCE G2 Functions and Map

RCE Greater Gombak portrays the Functional model of RCE instead of geographical recognising the fact that sustainable development issues are borderless.

While Gombak will be the main location for the RCE activities, the area of coverage will bridge the existing RCE Central Semenanjung to that of RCE Iskandar. The unique scope of RCE Greater Gombak is it serves a new model of collaboration among RCEs; tripartite RCE collaboration model.





Major Scope of Activities

Whole Community Transformation towards Sustainable Society

RCE Greater Gombak aims to transform and empower the community towards sustainable development at all levels of community in line in the spirit of "leaving-no-one-behind" upholding equity, ethics, and justice.



Spirituality and Sustainability



Taking pride in the diversity of faith-based community as well as the strength in the Indigenous settlement in the Gombak area, the RCE paved the way in the role of spirituality and Indigenous knowledge through ESD. This means greater participation over a much larger and diverse population base.

Sejahtera - Mainstreaming Indigenous Knowledge and Local Wisdom

RCE Greater Gombak is also keen to rejuvenate and mainstream **Sejahtera** - a local concept of sustainable living as one of the main desired outcomes of the RCE. The effort integrates well with the contribution of spirituality and Indigenous value in transforming the whole community.



RCE Greater Gombak Logo



The Greater Gombak (G2) logo is designed in the shape of a heart to depict the following:

- (a) the main framework of the RCE based on the 3S of **Spirituality and Sejahtera** with respect to **Sustainability**
- (b) the holistic focus towards humanity as part of the Whole-Institution or -Community Transformation
- (c) the "inside-out" approach in balancing the prevailing approach that is inclined towards the reverse

The second G which is flipped in the form of figure 2 (in gold) gives the heart a stylised look of 'Q' symbolising 'quality' as the core value for the 3S.

Quality heart (read: sincerity, humility and compassion) is the primary driving force that ensures the dynamics of Greater Gombak remains impactful and relevant at all times. And under all circumstances in deriving meaning through Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for all.

The fact that RCE Greater Gombak operates on the basis of functionality rather than by the conventional geographical designation, is further emphasised by the heart-shaped logo. That is, more interconnected through values or substances instead of limited by the form. As such Greater Gombak works beyond geographical boundaries cutting across locations where the University campuses are situated. Indeed, currently it straddles over the three states of Selangor, Pahang and Johor in the peninsula, and is bound to involve others in due time.

The three colours that brighten the logo represent that of nature (turquoise), and of distinctiveness (gold); both of which embrace a purple-coloured (violet) heart emoji [] that commonly stands for true love, kindness, empathy, honour and a deep sense of sacrifice. Being the last colour of the rainbow, it further underlines the need for universal connectivity that sustains humanity through diversity of values.

Vision

Vision Statement

Promoting and advancing natural and cultural heritage (Indigenous community and heritage of Gombak) through the Real-world Labs as conceptual platforms portraying selected dedicated conservation and socio-cultural areas of collaboration.

Objectives

Short-term

- To empower the society in addressing the social, cultural, environmental and economic issues through various platform of collaborations;
- To establish the baseline data, heritage profile, and the exhibition of the heritage in the current context;
- To identify the cross-cutting issues and challenges at the local level and formalise the existing natural and cultural resources as nascent Realworld (living-learning) lab for implementation of ESD;
- To facilitate the integration of ESD in the final dossier for the UNESCO World Heritage site submission;
- To facilitate and connect local champions on Gombak heritage (Indigenous people arts and cultural values, food heritage) in realising the vision of RCE Greater Gombak.

Long-term

To establish and strengthen the Quadruple Helix model of collaborations between the University, the local Gombak Community, the industry, and Gombak Administrative agencies in achieving the following goals:

- To build a society that is socially resilient, culturally sustainable, environmentally friendly and economically viable;
- To facilitate the development of regenerative heritage (natural, manmade and cultural organic) through a Quadruple Helix model of collaboration;
- To establish the Real-world Lab platforms which address cross-cutting issues i.e. social, environment and economy by implementing a transdisciplinary approach;
- To conserve the natural resources in the Gombak area through the establishment of UNESCO World Heritage site;
- To upscale the local community quality of life by instilling sustainable economic and social-cultural values to promote harmonious society synergistically.

RCE G2 Real-world Lab

The concept of a real-world lab works on the basis of longer term supportive structure instead of a pure project-based or case study approach. The lab is to facilitate transformation beyond a singular intervention, oriented towards sustainable development and related goals emphasising on the education aspect.

RCE G2@ IIUM Kuantan

Real-world Lab for Sustainable Health





RCE G2@ IIUM Pagoh

Real-world Lab for Edu-Tourism

RCE G2@ IPGTAA Kuala Lipis

Real-world Lab for Indigenous Knowledge



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