

# Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia – Professor Baldwin, CEO and Provost





# Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia - History



- A branch campus for Medicine and Biomedicine wholly owned by Newcastle University (not for profit)
- 1st Discussed with Malaysian Government in 2005
- Scoping and legal work 2006-2008
- Formally invited to establish a branch campus in 2008
- Approval by MQA and MoHE in Feb/March 2009
- First MBBS Students recruited to NUMed in Sept 2009 (students studied in the UK)
- 2009-2011 Campus Built
- 2011 NUMed is opened by HRH the Duke of York
- 2013 First BMS students recruited
- 2014 First MBBS Graduates
- 2015 First Foundation Students recruited
- 2016 First BSc Biomedical Sciences Graduates
- 2016 First Foundation students completed and entered MBBS and BMS programmes at NUMed
- 2018 5<sup>th</sup> NUMed Graduation Ceremony



# Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia



## Vision 2018/23

1. To deliver teaching and facilitate learning of the very highest quality
2. To meet the needs of our students and the regional health economy
3. To develop our research base to be excellent, locally relevant and sustainable
3. To translate the benefits of our academic endeavour (teaching and research) for the benefit of Malaysian society and the greater Asian region



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## NUMed Context

### Increasing Student Numbers

2009/10	24
2010/11	64
2011/12	110
2012/13	227
2013/14	365
2014/15	474
2015/16	547
2016/17	656
2017/18	731
2018/19	753

### Current Numbers

Foundation	60	100 (100 per year)
MBBS	621	900 (180 per year)
BMS	73	100 (50 pear year)
Total	753	1100

### Maximum





# Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia Vision 2018 – 2023



## **NUMed Programmes**

Originally informed by MQA and MoHE that the programmes that we offer at NUMed must be the same as that offered in the UK.

## **Approved**

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (Must also have professional accreditation by MMC and GMC)

BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (2+1)

Foundation in Biological and Biomedical Sciences  
(Note the Foundation is very different from the UK programme)

## **Not Approved**

Certificate and Diploma in Medical Education



# Programme Approval Process - UK

All programmes offered in Malaysia must go through the Newcastle University new programme approval processes (even though they will already be approved in the UK)

## Information Required

1. Strategic Approval Document from Faculty
2. Business Case
3. Planned Fees
4. Programme Regulations
5. Programme Specifications
6. Module Outline Forms
7. Student Lifecycle

Must be approved by the Faculty Education Committee and the University Education Committee



# Provisional Accreditation process in Malaysia

Provisional Accreditation can run in parallel with the UK process or after but not before.

## Completion of MQA 1 Documentation

1. General Information (institution and Programmes)
2. Programme Development and Delivery
3. Assessment of Student Learning
4. Student Selection and Support
5. Academic Staff
6. Education Resources
7. Programme Monitoring, Review and Continual Quality Improvement





# Provisional Accreditation process in Malaysia

## Foundation in Biological and Biomedical Sciences

Must be 1 Year in Malaysia

This is significantly different from the UK  
programme as

- 1) Malaysia requires Foundation programmes to be 1 year duration (UK 9 months)
- 2) Malaysia requires Foundation programmes to be the equivalent of 180 credits as compared to 120 credits in the UK
- 3) In addition our partner INTO offers the Foundation programme in UK whilst Newcastle offers the programme in Malaysia





# Provisional Accreditation Process in Malaysia

## Certificate and Diploma in Medical Education

These programmes have very recently been rejected by MQA with the following comments

### Comments from MQA:

Need to make all corrections and amendments to credit calculations according to the MQA framework guidelines rather than copying and pasting the parent Newcastle University document.

All conditions are to be complied with and the HEPs need to submit a new document according to the new MQA format.

**DO NOT COMPLY THE CRITERIA FOR PROVISIONAL ACREDITATION.**

Staff from the UK completed outdated forms, did NOT consult with staff in Malaysia and did NOT try to adapt UK QA to Malaysian QA (they thought they knew best!)



# QA Processes UK vs Malaysia

## Lessons Learnt

1. Initially must take advice from local experts in completing QA paperwork – Processes are different (University vs Ministry).
2. I would advise to employ a local QA compliance officer
3. Difference in UK and local QA (credit hours, programme and course learning outcome mapping etc) – must be embraced. You must complete the forms from a local NOT UK perspective.
4. Local QA bodies want to see that local staff have significant input into the development and QA procedures for the programmes – not just drones





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