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# FOREWORD BY ASSOCIATE VICE-CHANCELLOR (CORPORATE STRATEGY)



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has transformed the landscape of the higher education sector on a global scale. These 17 goals have become a primary reference framework in many institution's planning of education & learning, research & innovation, as well as strategic partnerships strategies.

The publication of the 17 Universiti Malaya Impact Reports 2022 is crucial to monitor our efforts towards SDGs as we are advancing our excellence through the implementation of the UM Strategic Plan 2021-2025, UM Transformation Plan 2021-2030, and UM Sustainability Policy 2021-2030.

For many years, UM has integrated the SDGs into our leadership, university policies, curriculum activities, RDCIE initiatives, values, investments, and strategic partnerships with stakeholders to demonstrate that UM also "walks the talk." These efforts involve active engagement from our staff, students, and the broader community of stakeholders and alumni.

Congratulations to the team at the Corporate Data Centre for formulating data-driven comprehensive reports that will serve the University in becoming a Global University Impacting The World.

# PREFACE BY DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATE DATA CENTRE



I am delighted to present all 17 Universiti Malaya Impact Reports for 2022, which review the data related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and showcase UM's achievements in 2022. The 17 SDGs serve as a guide for addressing the most pressing issues and critical challenges. Each of the 17 SDGs demands strong collaborative efforts from all levels of society to ensure a more resilient and sustainable future for the next generation.

In the Corporate Data Centre, we apply knowledge and data analytics skills to make informed, evidence-based decisions. This not only helps address current challenges but also ensures preparedness for the future.

These 17 Impact Reports for 2022 are flagship reports designed to assist the University in monitoring and examining our contributions to the country's progress in achieving the 17 SDGs.

I would like to seize this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to my team, who have worked tirelessly to collect and analyse data, enabling us to effectively monitor UM's sustainability efforts. I am also sincerely grateful for the support from UM's top management and the hard work of all colleagues across campus, particularly the Sustainable Development Centre, data managers, and controllers, for their cooperation in providing the SDG data for 2022.

### Our Impact in 2022



24 assistance programs empowered 10,694 students in their academic journeys.



12 impactful food assistance programs, including free food, food banks, vouchers, and affordable options, eliminated hunger on UM campus.



Over 20 outreach programs delivered essential health services to local communities in need and refugees.



47 enriching courses featured in the 2022 Short-Term/International Training/Study Tour, part of UM Course Buffet to support lifelong learning.



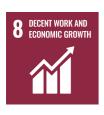
Women held 55% of senior positions, a testament to our commitment to gender equality.



429 participants took on 7 weeks of water conservation challenges during the Kita Jaga Air Challenge 2022.



UM subscribed to the Green Electricity Tariff (GET) program, generating 5.5 million kWh of clean energy with Malaysia Renewable Energy Certificates.



Precision Intervention Program under UM Strategic Planning 2021-2025 (Pillar 2-Teaching & Dearning) for selected students to produce future-ready graduates enriched with UM DNA.

### Aim of The Goals

SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

SDG 3: To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality edulication and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girl.

SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation

SDG 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.

SDG 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

The development of the Industrial Relations Strategic Planning Framework - Industry University Hyper Engagement Collaboration Framework (INSIGHT) to guide UM's interaction and engagement with industry partners.



The publication of the First E-Magazine for Persons with Disabilities by The Secretariat AUN-DPPnet.



The establishment of UM Master Plan document to guide the university towards achieving a Carbon-Neutral Campus by 2050.



9 initiatives conducted by the Zero Waste Campaign to establish an integrated solid waste management system, including initiatives that support zero waste objectives.



The establishment of UM Carbon Neutrality Acceleration Living Labs to contribute to the university's carbon-neutral performance.



Project Pulih joined forces with RHB ISLAMIC to protect Malaysia's marine ecosystems.



Rimba Ilmu, or Forest of Knowledge, covers 40 hectares and contains an estimated living collection of around 1,700 species of plants.



UM as the first university in Malaysia to conduct campus elections fully run by students.



UM as part of 28 Global Network Memberships, has 5 International Partners based in UM, and 96 Academia-Industry Collaborations.





## Overall Ranked in band

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From band **201-300** in 2022



Ranked **50/**876 From **201-300** in 2022



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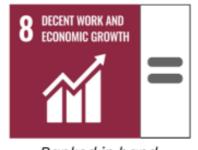
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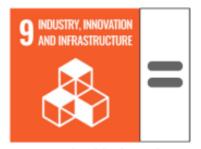
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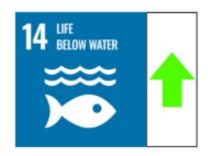
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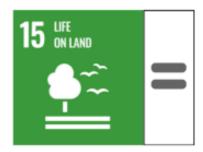
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Ranked in band 101-200/910 From band 201-300 in 2022



Ranked 81/1625 From 301-400 in 2022





### **Charting the Path to a Greener Campus:**

# Towards Sustainable Campus Development

In an era defined by environmental urgency, our campus is at the forefront of sustainable development. This shift goes beyond conservation; it signifies a comprehensive commitment to ecoconscious practices and green innovation. From renewable energy initiatives to eco-awareness programs, our campus is transforming into a living laboratory for sustainable living. Our journey showcases how sustainability isn't just a goal; it's a way of life. By redefining our practices, we're fostering a greener, more prosperous future for our campus community, where every individual plays a crucial role in preserving our planet and reshaping our collective tomorrow.

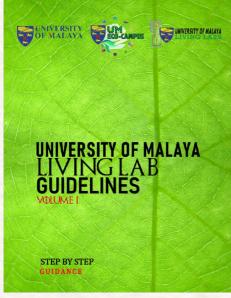
Universiti Malaya's aspiration for sustainable development is deeply embedded in several long-term strategic documents, demonstrating its firm commitment to these principles.



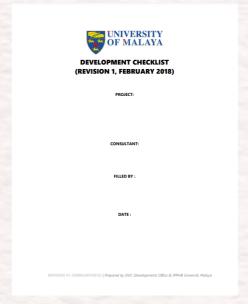
<u>Universiti Malaya Sustainability Policy</u>



<u>Universiti Malaya Eco-Campus Blueprint</u>



<u>Universiti Malaya Eco-Campus Living Lab Guidelines</u>



<u>Universiti Malaya Development Checklist</u>

### **Sustainable Development Framework**

The framework of sustainable development in Universiti Malaya is supported through the introduction of the <u>Universiti Malaya Sustainability Policy</u> as the primary document on sustainability initiatives in the campus of Universiti Malaya. The documents outline Pillars as key focus areas that should be tackled in developing a sustainable campus. The implementation of the policies is further supported by the introduction of other subsidiary documents such as the <u>Universiti Malaya Eco-Campus Blueprint</u>, <u>Universiti Malaya Eco-Campus Guidelines</u> and <u>Universiti Malaya Development Checklist</u>. These subsidiary documents provided a more detailed plan for sustainable campus initiatives as well as the targets to be achieved.

Generally, the content of the documents related to sustainable development can be categorized into three scope which are:

### **Sustainable Commuting**

Universiti Malaya as an urban institution experiences a heavy traffic flow caused the heavy load motorized transport inbound within the campus. This contributes to the volume of carbon produced campus. As part of its effort to be a carbon-neutral campus, the Universiti has included the scope Transportation Management in the UM **Eco-Campus** Blueprint. There are three main focuses as outlined in the UM **Eco-Campus** Management Blueprint; Strategies, **Facilities** Upgrades, and Awareness Campaign.

### Sustainable and Affordable Housing

As the geographical nature of the campus of Universiti Malaya which is located in the midst of the most developed city in Malaysia, Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, the issue accomodation and housing is one of the most faced issues by the campus community, student and staff included. To deal with the issue, the Universiti provided options for the community on accessing affordable accomodation as part of the effort to assist its community.

### **Planning and Development**

The factor of planning and development is one of the most crucial aspects to be address in creating sustainbale campus. Under the sustainability development framework utilised by Universiti Malaya, implemented through the Universiti Malaya Sustainability Policy, multiple standards and processes are introduced and adopted in planning and development of project on campus to follow standards of sustainable development.

### **Sustainable Commuting**

Sustainable commuting is one of the core areas designated by Universiti Malaya in its effort to create a carbon-neutral campus. There are three main focuses as outlined in the UM Eco-Campus Blueprint; Management Facilities Upgrades, and Awareness Campaign. In management strategy, the plans are to implement best practices in the management and introduce policies to govern the system. For facilities upgrade, the aim is to enhance the availability and accessibility of sustainable transportation options in Universiti Malaya i.e., roof walkways, crosswalks, and traffic lights. The awareness campaign involves a campus-wide campaign on the sustainable transportation system.

Among the efforts include providing shuttle bus services for the campus community. It is provided free of service but the users must present proof of identification (student ID/staff ID) upon entering the bus. For ease of use for the community members, the Centre of Responsibility released the bus routes and schedules of bus arrival as a reference for all. Other than that, to promote the usage of the shuttle services, the Universiti developed a bustracking app for the users of the shuttle services. Other than that, the Universiti had also opened its campus for the operation of external buses (RapidKL, MRT).

Other than providing alternative options of transportation for the community members of Universiti Malaya, the Universiti is also actively upgrading the facilities in Universiti Malaya to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of non-motorized modes of transportation (bicycling, walking). The installation of shared lane road markings (sharrow) as a guide for cycling routes along part of the Lingkungan Budi route on campus has been implemented as an initiative to increase and encourage cycling activity among the campus community. To improve the accessibility of pedestrians to travel within the campus, informative signposts and maps were installed around campus as a reference for pedestrians. Interconnected walkways were also developed involving walkways, traffic lights, and crosswalks. The design of the walkways is incorporated with guidance tiles for people with disabilities.

The issue addressed in the areas revolved around minimizing the volume of carbon emissions by motorized transport within the campus. The sustainable target stated in the document is to lessen inbound motorized transport by 30%.

Photo: Shuttle bus used in the 90s

### Sustainable and Affordable Housing

As one of the top universities in Malaysia, the students who enrolled in the Universiti come from various backgrounds. Some come from the surrounding area of Klang Valley while some need to cross three states before reaching the campus. For students, accommodation is one of the challenges faced in settling for education at higher education institutions.

Realising the plight of the students, Universiti Malaya provides <u>accommodation options for the students</u> to ease their burden in coming to study at higher education institutions. There are 13 residential colleges managed by the Universiti for the students to apply for. The criteria for student selection focus mainly on the income of the family to give opportunities to students coming from lower-income families first. The residential colleges are equipped with facilities such as wifi, a laundromat, cafes, mini-markets, printing shops, etc. As the available rooms for rent at the residential colleges are limited, the Universiti also prepared several more options for the students to choose from. One of them is Off-Campus Student Residence, this option is viable for students with transportation as the houses are located outside of the campus. The houses prepared are several bungalow units equipped with basic necessities for the students. The application for both the residential colleges and off-campus student residences must be made through the Student Affairs Division. The last initiative done by the Universiti is compiling the list of available rent houses for rent in the area of Klang Valley. As the Universiti will first verify the house advertised, it will prevent the students from getting scammed.

The initiatives done by Universiti Malaya are not limited to the students, they also extend to the staff of the Universiti. As Universiti Malaya is located in an urban ecosystem, within the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, the employees of the Universiti require a high amount of expenses to sustain their livelihood. To address the needs of its employees, <u>Universiti Malaya provides</u> temporary living residences for its staff members. The temporary residence is provided for the staff while they are searching for permanent residence. The tenure of the residency is for 5 years/university discretion. The initiative serves as a support for the staff to establish their livelihood in the city initially.

Other than staff housing, the Universiti also provides housing allowance for its employees. The housing allowance and cost of living allowance are provided monthly excluding the staff that reside in the Universiti properties. These are some of the initiatives done by the Universiti to protect the well-being and livelihood of its staff.



### **Planning and Development**

### **New Building Standards**



Photo: Department of Development and Estate Maintenance building

Under the <u>UM Eco-Campus Blueprint</u>, 4 of the 8 core areas designated are related to construction projects. Core Area 1: Landscape and Biodiversity Management, the emphasis is put on the assessment towards the impact done by the construction of the project towards its surroundings. The aim is to minimize the impact the project could bring to the ecosystem and its biodiversity. Core Area 2: Waste Management outlined the guidance on proper waste disposal. The requirements for buildings to have a proper waste management system were detailed in the document. It is to prevent pollution from happening. Core Area 3: Water Management provides processes on wastewater management to prevent water pollution from happening. Other than that, water conservation practices and plans are also outlined in the core area. Core Area 4: Energy Management promotes sustainable energy management to be used on campus. Among its implementations is to use energy-saving appliances and natural sources of light and thermal conditioning for buildings to save energy.

All of the points are reflected in the <u>UM Development Checklist</u> which was developed with the Department of Development and Estate Maintenance (JPPHB,) the Faculty of Built Environment, and the Faculty of Environment, among others. The Checklist includes development criteria or landscape biodiversity, waste management, water management, and energy management. Project plans in Universiti Malaya must be sent for validation by the Centre of Responsibilities involved according to the UM Development Checklist before they are passed for development.

### Local Authority Collaboration for Planning and Development

Among the collaborations done by Universiti Malaya with local authorities involved *Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia*. The collaboration aims to upgrade fire prevention systems at Universiti Malaya and renew the Fire Certificate accrediting the building facilities on campus. This is part of a long-standing collaboration between Universiti Malaya through JPPHB and *Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia*.

### **Development Highlights**

Tan Sri Azman Hashim Building, Faculty of Business and Economy

Tan Sri Azman Hashim Building was developed on underutilised land at Universiti Malaya. The development project which took four years to complete now serves as parking spaces for students and staff of the Faculty of Business and Economy. The development of the building aims to tackle the issue of parking spaces on campus as there is an increase in the number of vehicles in Universiti Malaya. Apart from that, it also aims to properly utilise the spaces available on campus to its full efficiency.



### From Student Hubs to Green Retreats:

# Public Space Access in Universiti Malaya

The concept of sustainability is not confined to the conservation and protection of the ecosystem only. It encompasses our daily lives, including campus environments. Accessible public spaces can foster inclusivity, and enhance well-being. These spaces, be they courtyards or common areas are important aspects of creating sustainable campuses

### **Public Access to Heritage Building**

Universiti Malaya is rich with historical and cultural significance. Since its inception, the Universiti has become the witness of many events that contribute to the development of the nation. In Malaysia, Jabatan Warisan Negara is the agency/department that is mandated by the Government of Malaysia to collect data and manage the national heritages of the country. There are a few categories of national heritages under Jabatan Warisan Negara which are Sites (buildings, monuments/tombs, archaeology sites, and natural sites), Objects, and Living Persons.

Universiti Malaya possesses <u>two national heritage buildings</u> in its compound which are the <u>Chancellery building</u> and the <u>Dewan Tunku Canselor building</u>. The Chancellery building is located in the middle of the Universiti facing the varsity lake. The building serves as the central administration office under the coordination of the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaya. Behind the Chancellery building is the Dewan Tunku Canselor building, the building which has been standing for more than 50 years is the venue for important events (convocations, conferences, seminars, semester examinations) and has become part of the memories for generations of graduates who have passed through its door.

The Universiti provides free access for the students and the public to enter the buildings. As the building is of importance to the Universiti, security services are stationed at the buildings and access to some area require permission. However, access to common areas such as the lobby and foyer is not restricted and is open for visitation for the public.





### **Public Access to Libraries**

Universiti Malaya has several library facilities including a central library, a few branch libraries, and special libraries for the use of its students and staff. The <u>central library/main library</u> is the biggest library in Universiti Malaya which holds the largest collections of publications including theses and dissertations, encyclopaedia, dictionaries, handbooks, textbooks, and media collections available for access.

Other than the central library, There are a total of 10 special libraries that are attached to the faculty and consist of special collections specific to the teaching and learning subjects of the faculty. The branch libraries were established to fulfil specific purposes. There are 3 branch libraries in Universiti Malaya which are T.J Danaraj Medical Library serves the needs of the community at Universiti Malaya Medical Centre which is the teaching hospital of Universiti Malaya. Tan Sri Prof. Ahmad Ibrahim Law Library acquire legal materials for the purpose of reference for law students. Za'ba Memorial Library contains unpublished and published materials on Malaysiana. These materials are kept in closed stacks for preservation and users are allowed reference facilities at the designated reading areas.

Free access is given to students and staff with Universiti Malaya. However, for the public, an entrance fee is required for access. The Library may at its discretion provide free access on occasion for individuals. So, interested individuals can deal directly with The Library pertaining to the matter. Other than access to the facilities, the Universiti Malaya Library also provides tour services for groups who are interested in the works done at the Universiti Malaya Library. A free package may be given per the negotiation with The Library.



### **Public Access to Museums**

The <u>Museum of Asian Arts</u> is the oldest museum established in Universiti Malaya with 50 years of history in collecting and managing the artifacts in Universiti Malaya. The museum exhibitions represent three civilizations; the Indians, the Chinese, and the Islamic (Malay culture). These are the main three collections available in the museum. However, artifacts originated from multiple past civilizations residing in the Asian continent such as the Persian, 14th-century Japanese civilization, and also from civilizations surrounding Southeast Asia.

The <u>Museum of Zoology</u> has a large collection of Malaysian fauna consisting of insects, fishes, frogs, reptiles, birds, and mammals. The main function of the museum is to disseminate information on indigenous Malaysian fauna, its richness, diversity and conservation status. For easy reference by scientists and students, all these specimens have been catalogued and arranged. The Museum of Zoology represents the only zoological museum in Peninsular Malaysia with an extensive collection of local fauna that has been reasonably well documented.

The <u>Museum of Geology</u> features a large collection of minerals, rocks, fossils and tektites from Malaysia and all over the world. One of its major goals is for visitors to gain a deeper appreciation for the fossil wealth of the region, and a better understanding of how important these fossils are in helping scientists interpret major events in Earth's history, including the evolution and diversification of life on our planet. The Museum is dedicated to educating the public through its exhibits, collections, public lectures, guided tours and other annual programs.

The last available museum in Universiti Malaya is the Museum of Malay Ethnographic which features collections of culturally significant artifacts in the Malay community. The collection is crucial as a source of reference for scholars to do research on a specific community. The museum fulfils the role of collecting and preserving culturally significant items for generations to use.

All the museum in Universiti Malaya regularly hold exhibitions which is available for the public. Visitations are also allowed with no charge adhering to the rules and regulations set by the centre involved. However, a fee may be charged for guided visitation.











### **Public Access to Green Spaces**

Universiti Malaya is known for its lush biodiversity and greenery landscape available on the campus. In the centre of the Universiti is a manmade lake called Varsity Lake surrounded with fields and recreational sites creating an open park for social use not just for the community of Universiti Malaya but also for the public. The park is one of the main attractions in Universiti Malaya as a place to socialise while also getting some exercise with the available facilities there. The public can freely access the park and parking spaces are also provided for visitors.

Another known green space is the **Rimba Ilmu**. Rimba Ilmu is an 80-hectare botanic garden located within the campus of Universiti Malaya. The garden adopts a rainforest theme which sets it apart from many other public gardens in Peninsular Malaysia, especially around the Klang Valley. In other words, it is as close to how a rainforest environment would feel in an urban environment. Besides the garden, Rimba Ilmu has a permanent exhibition called Rain Forests and Our Environment, a conservatory named Rare Plants and Orchid Conservatory as well as a herbarium. The exhibition provides a broad-scope bilingual introduction to tropical rain forests, covering topics such as types of rain forests, biodiversity and species richness as well as the values of forest conservation. The Rare Plants and Orchid Conservatory is a living collection kept in a plant house that emphasizes understorey plants that are endemic, rare or whose conservation status is threatened in their wild habitat. The herbarium is a collection of dried and preserved specimens used mainly for taxonomy-related studies.

Although the facilities are available freely to the public, interested individuals must first contact the Centre of Responsibility involved as there are safety precautions that need to be followed before entering the facilities.

### Preserving the Past, Nurturing the Future:

# Arts and Cultural Heritage Initiative on Campus

Arts and cultural heritage initiatives are not just about preserving the past; they are instrumental in shaping a sustainable future. In the midst of rapid development, the essence of cultural heritage should be considered much less be forgotten. A campus should be where heritage and sustainability are not just coexisting, but thriving in unison forging a path to a more sustainable and inclusive future.

### **Arts and Heritage Contribution**

The Faculty of Creative Arts was founded in 2021 as the Centre of Responsibility in Universiti Malaya tasked to organise arts and cultural activities and provide education programmes for both the campus community as well as the wider public. The beginning of the Faculty of Creative Arts can be traced back to the establishment of the Culture Unit in 1970. The Cultural Centre played an active role in organising numerous activities, and the lively campus environment of the Universiti Malaya became an important hub for Kuala Lumpur's thriving art scene. By 1997, the Cultural Centre expanded its role in teaching and research. Two academic programmes were offered initially, a degree in Bachelor of Performing Arts (with Honours) with a major in either Drama or Music. To this day, the Faculty of Creative Arts is fulfilling its responsibilities as the centre of excellence for arts and cultural heritage on campus.

One of the requirements as part of the programmes offered in the Faculty of Creative Arts is to organise public performances. The scope of the performances ranges from musical performances, dance performances, and theatre performances. The performances are open to the public to attend. Aside from being part of graduation requirements, the platform serves to educate the general public at Universiti Malaya on the arts and cultural heritage that is available on campus.

Other than that, annually art performance competitions are held on campus. Festival Seni Universiti Malaya (FESENI UM) is an art performing competition organized by the Universiti Malaya Cultural Centre since 1975. It has been a highlight of Universiti Malaya's campus arts activities and has become popular and highly regarded by campus residents, especially residents of residential colleges. Karnival Teater Universiti Malaya (Karviter UM) is also an art performance competition focusing on theatre performances in Universiti Malaya









### **Record and Preserve Cultural Heritage**

In Universiti Malaya, there are a few Centre of Responsibility involved in the management of cultural heritage creating a systemic framework on protection and protection of cultural heritage. The Library of Universiti Malaya collects publications from renowned scholars and manuscripts from past civilisations that reside in the Southeast Asian region. The library has founded the Special Collections to manage the collection under its possession. Among the Collections, there are manuscripts of religious teachings and chronicles/tales from centuries ago. This collection is recorded and preserved under the care of the Library.

Other than the Library, the <u>Museum of Malay Ethnography under the management of the Academy of Malay Studies also collects cultural heritage specific to the Malay community</u>. It was established to support one of the objectives of the APM, as a centre of research and documentation related to the field of Malay Studies. The museum's collection is focused on several themes such as Malay textiles, brassware, pottery, weaving, carving, house Malay Kris, traditional technology, and the figures of Malay Studies.

