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2017 Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

Five Malaysian researchers are headed to Australia next year as winners of the prestigious Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships, funded by the Australian Government.

Recipients will travel to Australia to undertake research across a broad range of disciplines at leading universities and research institutes.

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are internationally competitive awards, which promote knowledge, education links and enduring ties between Australia and the world.

Endeavour plays an important role in supporting Australian and international students to engage in study and learning not confined by borders, boosting cooperation and overseas connections vital for our futures.

Speaking at a reception to congratulate the recipients, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia His Excellency Mr Rod Smith, said that education has always been at the heart of the Australia - Malaysia bilateral relationship.

“I congratulate the winners of these prestigious awards, who I am confident will make valuable contributions to their fields of research, and also to the strong and growing research links between Australia and Malaysia.”

The 2017 Malaysian recipients of Endeavour Research Fellowships are:

- Dr Chia Lock Tan, research scientist at the Malaysian Cocoa Board, who will undertake research in Agricultural Biotechnology at Murdoch University in Perth
- Dr Kok Fong See, researcher at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), who will undertake research in air transport economics at The University of Queensland in Brisbane.

- Dr Bee Lynn Chew, researcher at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), who will undertake research in Plant Biotechnology at the University of Melbourne
- Dr Siti Khayriyyah Mohd Hanafiah, researcher at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), who will undertake research on tuberculosis diagnostic biomarkers at the Macfarlane Burnet Institute in Melbourne
- Ms Lee Siew Siew, PhD scholar in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University Putra Malaysia, who will undertake research in Nutritional Sciences at The University of Adelaide.

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