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## AUSTRALIAN ENDEAVOUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS 2019

Three Malaysian researchers emerged as winners of the prestigious **Endeavour Leadership Program Awards** funded by the Australian Government in 2019.

Under the award, the recipients are funded to undertake post-doctoral research with leading universities and research institutes in Australia.

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

The researchers will have the opportunity to experience Australia's excellent higher education and research systems and foster closer links between Australian and Malaysian institutions.

The Endeavour Leadership Programs 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, Mr Andrew Golezdzinowski said education has always been at the heart of the Australia - Malaysia bilateral relationship and he sees examples of these enduring links every day.

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

“They will have the opportunity to be unofficial Malaysian ambassadors while in Australia, receive a high quality education, and return with a rich experience and stories to last a life time.”

The 2019 Malaysian recipients of Endeavour Leadership Awards are:

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**1. Dr Choong Yi Fong**

Consultant Paediatric Neurologist and Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics,  
Faculty of Medicine

University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

Awarded - Post-Doctoral - Endeavour Executive Leadership Award 2019

Program in Australia: Professional Clinical Attachment, Paediatric Epilepsy at The  
Children's Comprehensive Epilepsy Service, TY Nelson Department of Neurology,  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead, New South Wales

Duration: October – December 2019

**2. Dr. Hui Lin Ong**

*Senior lecturer, School of Materials Engineering*

*Universiti Malaysia Perlis*

Awarded - Post-Doctoral Research – Endeavour Australian Cheung Kong Research  
Leadership Award

*Program in Australia: Postdoctoral Research in Materials Engineering at Deakin  
University, Victoria*

*Duration: August – December 2019*

**3. Dr. Giri Shan Rajahram**

Infectious Disease Physician at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Sabah  
Ministry of Health Malaysia

Awarded - Post-Doctoral - Endeavour Executive Leadership Award 2019

Program in Australia: Postdoctoral research at Menzies School of Health Research,  
Charles Darwin University and Darwin Hospital

Duration: April – July 2019

