



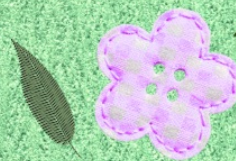
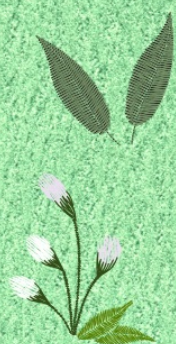
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# MASAF newsletter



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# From MASAF's Desk

## meet our president!

Hi everyone, Syahmi here. Welcome to the first edition of our MASAF newsletter! Stepping into the President's role is a privilege, but more than anything, it is a reminder of how much we rely on each other to build a strong community. Whether you are settling into a new academic year, navigating life in France, or balancing your studies, I want to recognize the dedication of our members, high committee team, and partners. MASAF functions best when we work together, and I am proud to embark on this mandate alongside such a committed group.



Muhammad Syahmi  
Adli Bin Mazlan

Our focus for this term is straightforward: to serve as a reliable support system and bring Malaysian students across France closer together. Our various bureaus have already been collaborating closely to design programs that offer genuine value, including practical skill workshops, career development opportunities, and cultural events. Rather than running isolated initiatives, we are taking a joint approach across all teams to ensure every event is well-structured, inclusive, and beneficial to your student journey.

Ultimately, MASAF belongs to all of us, and its success depends on open communication and shared effort. We want to ensure your voice directly shapes what we do, so whether you have suggestions for upcoming initiatives, feedback on our programs, or want to get involved, our doors and inbox are always open. Thank you to the entire team and community for your ongoing support. Let's keep working together to make this year productive and meaningful for everyone!

# metro sarong Lille '26



Our students in front of Lille Flandres Train Station

The event gave Malaysian students the chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and spend time together outside their usual university environment. It was also a way to celebrate Malaysian culture while living abroad. With 70 participants joining, Metro Sarong was a great opportunity to bring students from different cities together and strengthen the Malaysian student community in France.

On 26 September 2026, MASAF organised Metro Sarong 2026, bringing together 70 Malaysian students from Lille, Le Havre, Grenoble and Nancy. The event started at Gare Lille Flandres, where everyone gathered before heading to Jardin Vauban for a potluck, speeches and performances. One of the highlights was the traditional dance performance, followed by a guitar sing-along that everyone enjoyed.



A big thank you to Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) for sponsoring Metro Sarong 2026. Your support helped make this gathering possible and gave Malaysian students the opportunity to come together and celebrate their culture in France.

# MASAF Annual Grand Meeting '26

MASAF held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 26 September 2026 at IESEG Lille, with an online option through Google Meet. The event brought together 26 participants, including VIP guests, committee members and volunteers. The session included speeches from MASAF's former and current presidents, remarks from Malaysian representatives in France, and the presentation of appointment certificates to the newly appointed HICOMs. Each bureau also shared its plans and activities for the 2026/2027 term.

A little gathering of bright minds



The AGM was a chance for members to learn more about MASAF's plans for the year ahead and understand what each bureau hopes to achieve. The Q&A session also gave participants the opportunity to share their thoughts and suggestions. Through these discussions, MASAF hopes to continue improving its activities and creating a more supportive community for Malaysian students across France.



Thank you to H.E. Datuk Eldeen Husaini Mohd Hashim, Ambassador of Malaysia to France, Puan Wan Maisarah binti Md. Isa, Minister Counsellor (Student Affairs) and MASAF Advisor, as well as all committee members and volunteers who contributed to the AGM. We appreciate your time, guidance and continued support for MASAF.



# Pre Departure Talk

On 19 August 2026, MASAF joined an online Pre-Départure Talk organised by JPA for the incoming FP27 students. During the session, MASAF introduced the association and shared information about its role in supporting Malaysian students in France. The presentation was delivered by Ceyen and Aidan, with the slides prepared with help from Aneesa.

Moving to a new country for studies can be exciting, but it also comes with many uncertainties. The session gave the incoming students an opportunity to learn about MASAF before arriving in France and understand the community they could turn to for support. It was also a chance to introduce them to the Malaysian student network and the activities organised by MASAF.

To help the students stay connected after the session, a WhatsApp group was planned to bring together FP27 and FP26 students. This would allow the incoming students to ask questions, share concerns and get useful information as they prepared for their move to France.



# welcome

# FPS



On 19 August 2026, MASAF welcomed incoming SPBM and PF students at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris. The meet-up was organised to give the new students a warm welcome as they arrived in France. Nureena, Barth and Kai Jie, together with Puan Mai and Puan Sheeba, helped welcome the students and meet them at the airport.



Arriving in a new country can feel overwhelming, especially for students who are experiencing life abroad for the first time. Having familiar faces waiting for them gave the incoming students a chance to meet fellow Malaysians from the beginning of their journey. It also helped create a welcoming atmosphere and reminded them that they were not alone as they began adjusting to life in France.

Beyond the airport welcome, the meet-up was an opportunity for the new students to start building connections with the Malaysian student community. These connections can be helpful as they settle into their new environment, navigate student life and get to know other Malaysians living in France.



# What's Next at MASAF?

## SPOOKTOBER

New adventures, exciting events, and more memories with MASAF are just around the corner. Mark your calendars, bring your friends, and don't miss out on the fun.

### MASAF COMPETITIVE & DRAWING RUN:

Where every step meets creativity, turn your run into a work of art. Or see if you have what it takes to become MASAF's fastest runner of the year.



### MASAF RETREAT:

Campfire nights, gooey marshmallows, and adventures waiting to unfold! A little escape into nature, filled with laughter, friendship, and memories to last a lifetime.



### MASAF HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION:

Time to dress up, get creative, and bring your spookiest looks to life! Show off your Halloween spirit and make it a night to remember.



## NOVEMBER

Take a peek at what MASAF has in store for you this November!

### MASAF Regional Games

### Deepavali

### Fed Ex

### MASAF Preloved

### MASAF Promote

### Bonichiwa