

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to announce that the Population Studies Unit (PSU), Universiti Malaya (UM) is launching a membership drive. Aware of your expertise and interest in population research, we have the pleasure of inviting you to join as a member of PSU. A brief write-up about the PSU is given below:

### **Population Studies Unit, (PSU), Universiti Malaya (UM)**

Chairman: Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, UM

Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lai Siow Li

### **Background**

The Population Studies Unit (PSU) was set up in 1979 as part of the Population and Family Health Project funded by the World Bank and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The PSU is guided by a board with members from the various faculties within UM, government agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations.

### **Objectives and Functions of PSU**

The objectives of PSU are to promote research and training on population and population-related issues, and to network researchers in the field of demography and population studies.

### **Research Areas**

- Population and development (including sectoral development such as health, education and human resource development, and manpower planning)
- Ageing and age structural changes, social gerontology
- Internal and international migration
- Urbanization
- Gender and family studies
- Community participation
- Fertility
- Health and mortality
- Marriage
- Reproductive health and family planning
- Population projections
- Population policies and programs

For more information about PSU, please visit:

<https://psu.um.edu.my>

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Benefits of PSU membership (no membership fee)

1. Network with researchers who may be potential collaborators in population research
2. News/announcement of local and international conferences/seminars/workshops on population and related topics
3. News of regional population associations
4. Publication of research papers/occasional papers by PSU
5. Access to on-line articles by PSU members and other sources
6. Share/disseminate your publications to enhance citation
7. Opportunities to participate in PSU activities, including training (free or charge or at discount rate), seminars/conferences and research projects
8. Small grant (Less than RM 3,000) to conduct population research and analysis of secondary data (subject to availability)

To register as PSU members, please fill up the following form and email back to us at [laisl@um.edu.my](mailto:laisl@um.edu.my)

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Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of research interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please forward this mail to your friends/colleagues who may be interested in joining the PSU.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lai Siow Li

Coordinator, PSU