



POST-EVENT REPORT

The 3rd Early Career Researchers' (ECR) Transport Forum

2-3 September 2023

Concorde Hotel Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia

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Organised by:

Women in Transport Leadership (WiTL) Knowledge Network



In cooperation with:

- Eastern Asia Society for Transport Studies (EASTS)
- Transportation Science Society of Malaysia (TSSM)
- Project Team of the VREF-supported project, Developing an Intersectional Equity Framework to Support Walkability Transitions



Walkability
Transitions



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Background & Objectives

The Early Career Researchers (ECR) Transport Forum is a 2-day event that establishes a platform for research capacity building, mentoring, and networking. Through this event, intentional opportunities are created for early career researchers, PhD students and graduate level students to come together to:

- **share** research ideas, **reflect** on our respective experiences as transport users,
- **exchange** practical advice on how to chart a positive transport professional career!
- Through the connections we established, the ambition is to **build a network** of early career researchers with a focus on sustainable and inclusive mobility careers while creating pathways for world leading research in walking and active transport to thrive.

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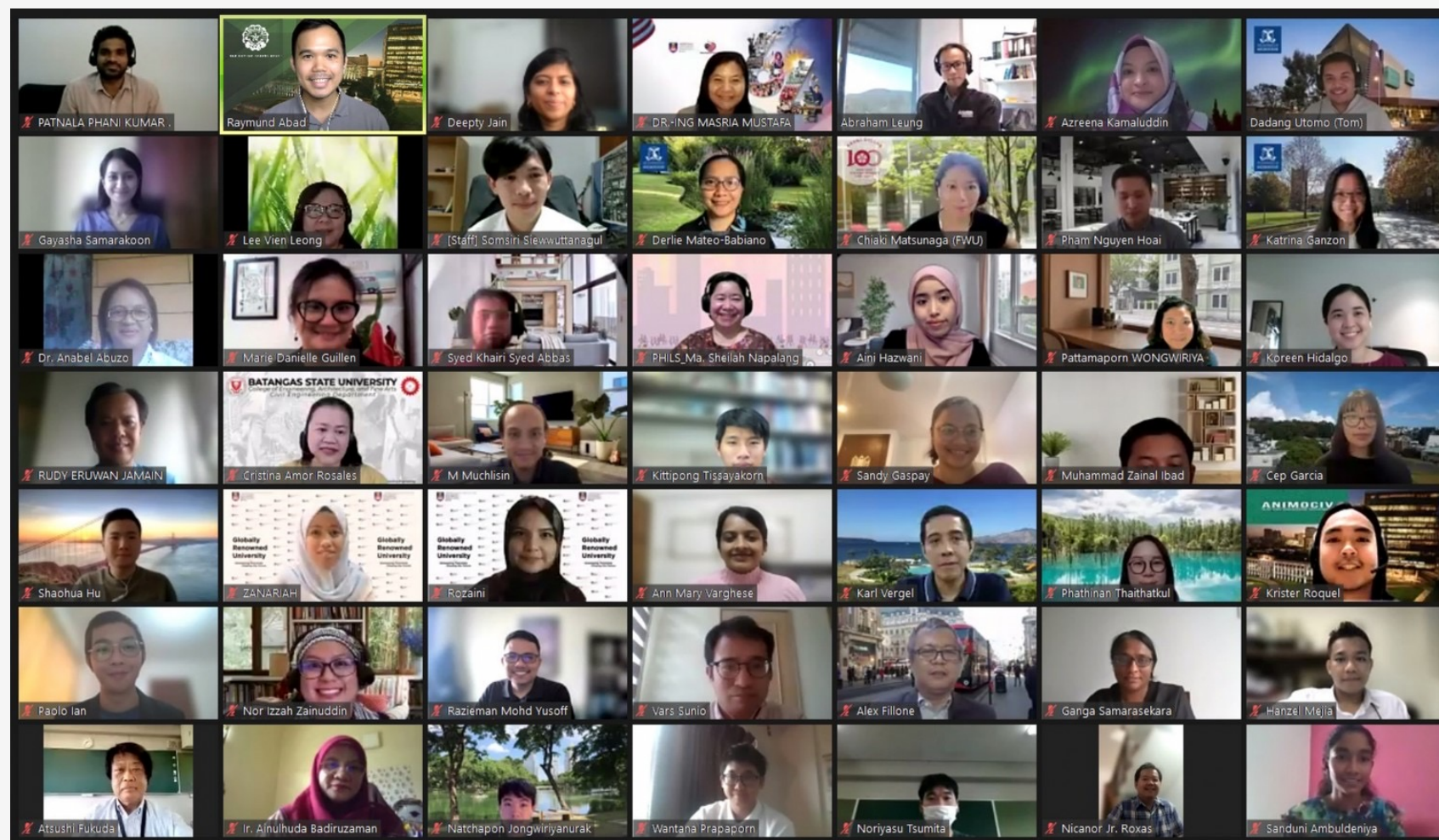
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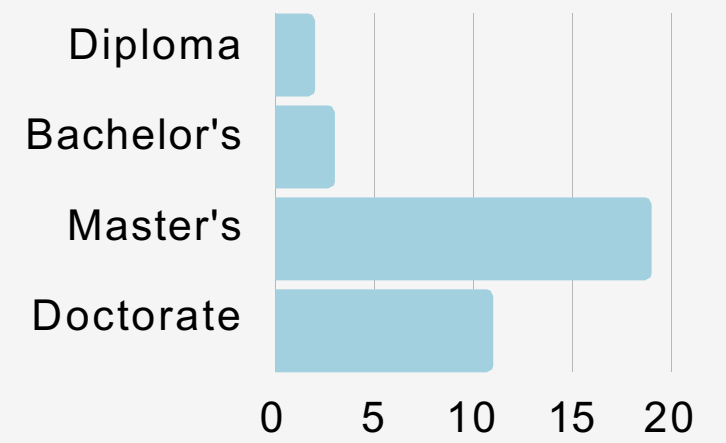


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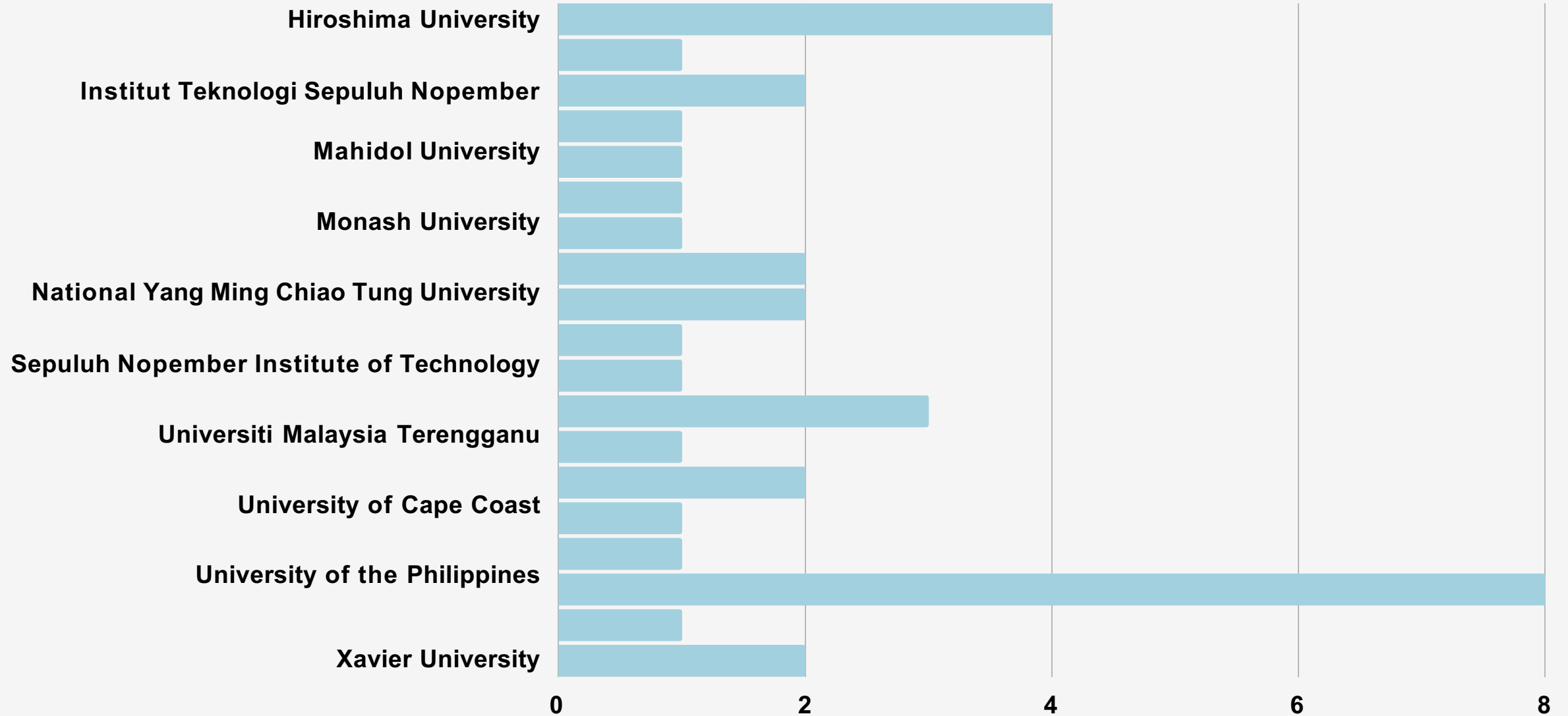
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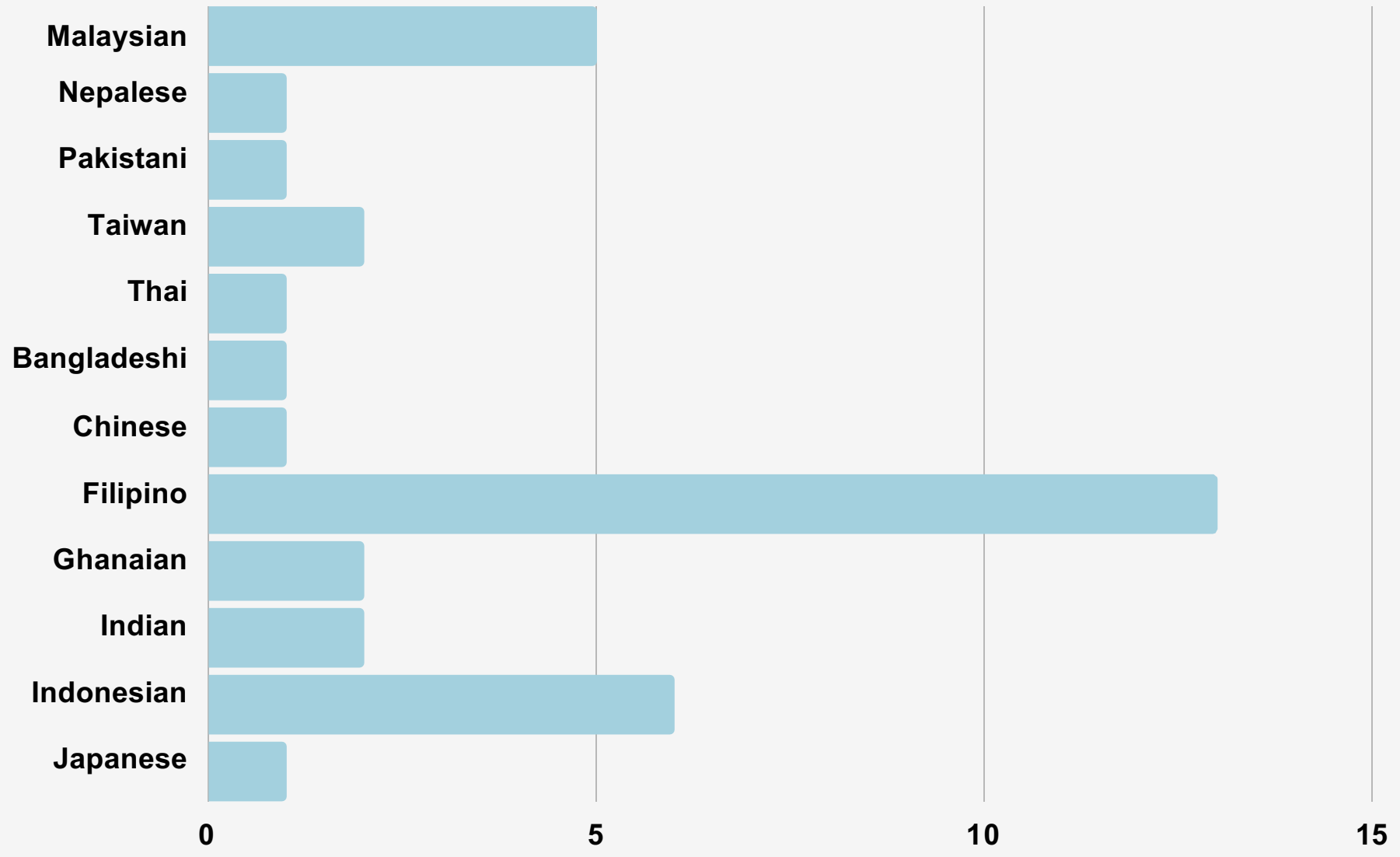
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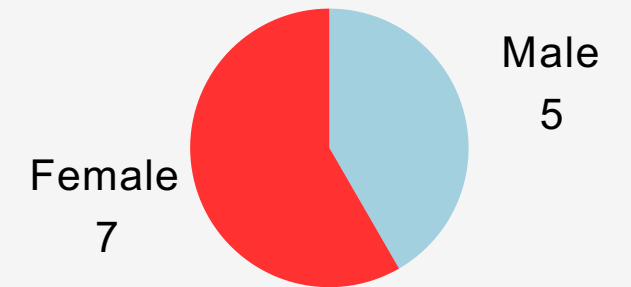
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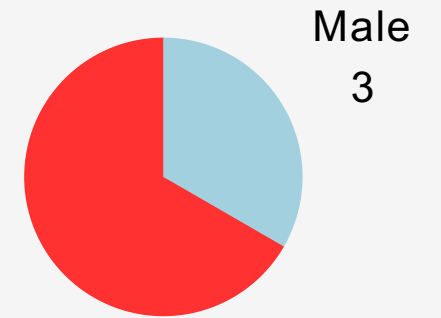


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- Mahidol University
- Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency
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- Thammasat University
- The University of Melbourne
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- Women in Transport Leadership Knowledge Network
- Women on the Move Network

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9 ORGANISERS



Female
6

Male
3

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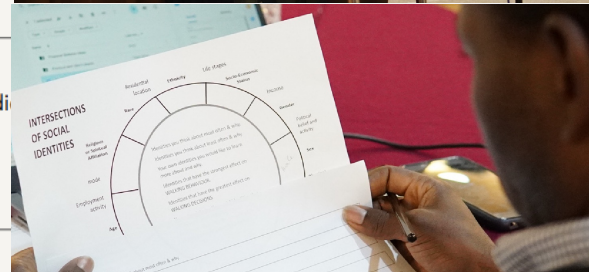
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Day 1

EVENT PROGRAM September 2 (Saturday)

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|--------------|---|
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Registration |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Eastern Asia Society of Transportation Study • From the Local Organising Committee: The Transportation Science Society of Malaysia • From the Walkability Transitions Project Team |
| 1:30 - 2:30 | Keynote Speech |
| 2:30 - 2:45 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 2:45 - 3:30 | Workshop 1: Theory Building: Intersectional Equity in Transport |
| 3:30 - 5:00 | Workshop 2: The Pedestrian Experience Tool |
| 5:00 - 5:30 | Day 1 Wrap Up |
| 5:30 - 6:30 | Walking Tour in Shah Alam |
| 6:30 - 8:00 | Dinner |



Day 2

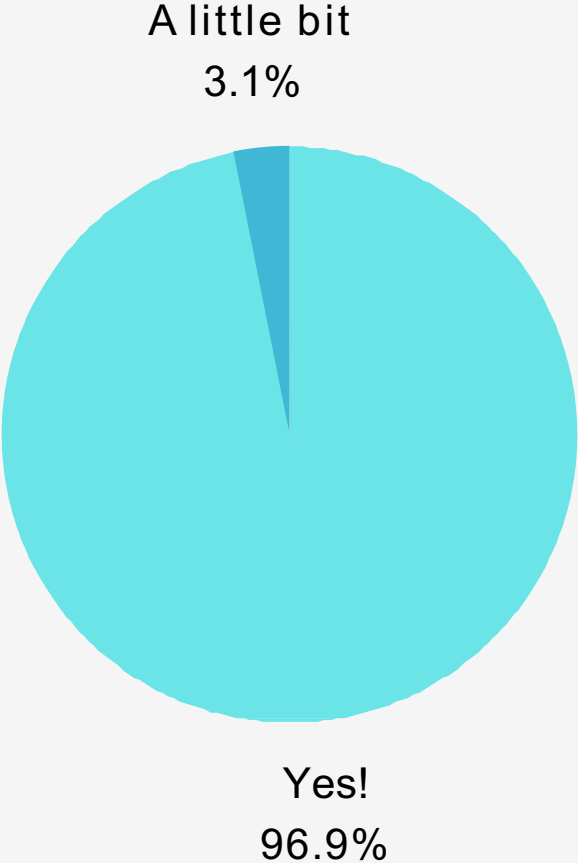
EVENT PROGRAM September 3 (Sunday)

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 6:00 - 7:00 | Health Walk |
| 7:00 - 8:30 | Free Time, Breakfast, and Registration |
| 8:30 - 9:00 | Ice Breaker for Mentoring Groups |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Workshop 3: Reflections from Day 1 |
| 9:30 - 1:00 | Workshop 4: Research Writeshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking as a Field of Research • Building a Robust Research Foundation and Methodology and Publishing your Work • Research Ethics and Academic Integrity |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Lunch |
| 2:00 - 3:30 | Workshop 5: Conversations About Sustainable Transport Pathways: Industry, Government, Academe, and Advocacy |
| 3:30 - 4:30 | Closing Remarks: What does the future look like in walking research? |

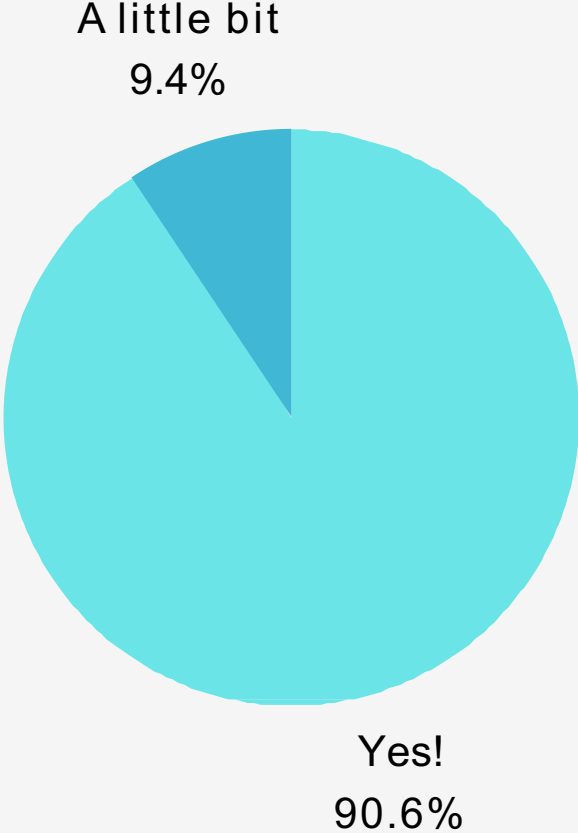


day one workshop evaluation

The workshop has helped me realise how **diverse** the **pedestrian experiences** are.



The workshop has helped me see how a person's **intersecting identities** can affect their walking experience and their transport experience in general.



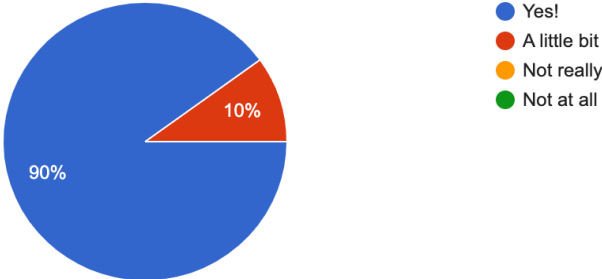
I now have a better idea of how considering **intersectionality** in planning/designing/improving our transport systems can promote **equity**.



Day 2 evaluation of event objectives

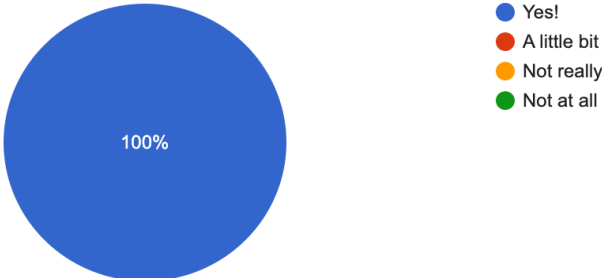
Objective 1: Encourage **discussion on career opportunities and challenges** among the mentees and mentors coming from various career stages and various career pathways.

30 responses



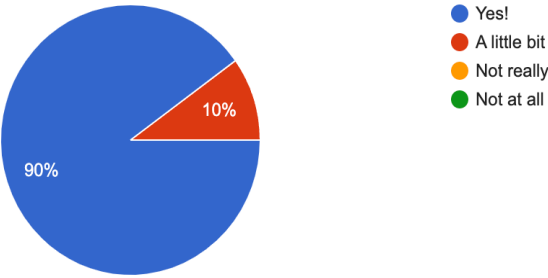
Objective 2: Enhance **research skills** through workshops on conducting and publishing transport-related research.

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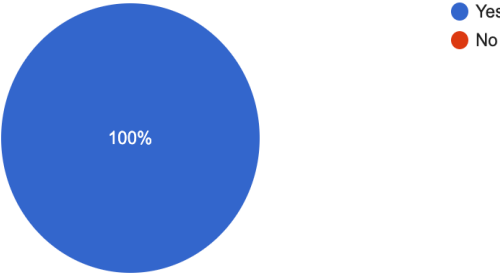
Objective 3: Build a **community** of early career transport researchers through intentional interactions with other peers in a safe and friendly space.

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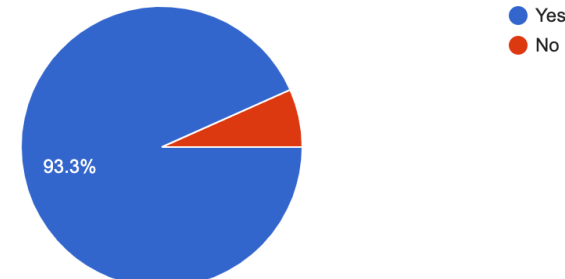
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Were there enough opportunities to meet and interact with the **other mentees**?

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Strengths

- **ECR Network.** Network initiated before the EASTS Conference. Hence, attending ECRs are able to reconnect during the conference activities.
- **Mentors.** Diverse and come from various transport fields. Really networked with the mentees.
- **Funding and other support.** Especially from EASTS and local organising committee (TSSM).

Opportunities

- **Continuous support from EASTS.** Especially on disseminating the invitation beyond the organisers' networks.
- Maintaining the ECR networks formed.

Weaknesses

- **Need more diversity.** About one-third of mentees and mentors come from one nationality.
- **Schedule improvements.** e.g., consideration of religious practices, more discussion time, etc.
- **Language barrier**

Threats

- Organisers for future iterations
- Uncertainty on funding source

What is good about it?

- **ENGAGEMENT** - Bringing people of different background to share their thoughts and experiences, providing avenue for researchers to interact
- **MENTORING** - mentors are very friendly and approachable; Almost one-on-one talk with the mentors, also the forum where mentors can be asked about their experiences
- **DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS**- academe, advocacy, government & industry; Workshop on future career paths as a researcher; Diverse experiences and engagement
- **NETWORKING** - Good opportunity for networking, networking with transport people
- **BELONGING, R&R** - Give opportunity to know other ECRs before Conference; I am very happy to participate in this, besides I can use my vacation after last week's proposal defence.
- **WALKING TOUR** - Health walk, Outdoor activity
- **TOPICAL** - Topics and talks were relevant and informative; Lecture about how to write the paper; Provide abstract teaching; Persona group activities; Very insightful, Amazing program
- **BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INTERSECTIONAL EQUITY**, chance to mingle with the same path in research as yours.

I gain knowledge and this holiday. Thank you to all mentors and organizers. God bless.

What can be improved?

TIME MANAGEMENT - increase the time for abstract review, time schedule, time felt a bit tight during discussion portions, More time during writeshop; Maybe you can have alot time for write; Providing more time; Maybe the workshop where we used the pedestrian experience tool. I feel like it took so much time.

MORE TIME FOR CONVERSATIONS - Provide enough time for conversation with mentors and mentees and other mentees.

DURATION - Extending to at least 3 days; Extend another 1 day :)

MAINTAIN THE NETWORK - discuss together what can be done together in future with mentor mentee; Maybe one to one mentoring who required from student side; More opportunities for mentee to mentee networking

COMMUNICATION POST- FORUM - To have one channel of communication to announce on any changes in the program apart from using email.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - Taking outside activities more; More icebreakers especially during afternoons; Mentees would discuss transport their own country

The pre-event administration?
Charger for cellphones and laptops

THANK YOU!

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