



The British Malaysian Society

BMS X UKEC Mentorship Programme 2025

END-OF-PROGRAMME PRESENTATION & LUNCH



24 May 2025

**Bush House South East Wing, King's College London,
Activity Room C, 8th Floor, Strand Campus, WC2R 1AE**

Agenda

- 11:30** Arrival of attendees
- 12:00** Welcome speech by Mei Sim Lai OBE DL (chair of BMS)
- 12:03** Brief on the purpose of the mentorship programme by Chloe Yap (chair of BMS Mentorship Programme)
- 12:05** “How to Overcome Language and Cultural Barriers When Working in the UK” by Jane Chelliah MBE (Assistant Director and Head of Stakeholder Engagement in Audit Reform at the Department of Business and Trade)
- 12:15** “How further qualifications can benefit students' careers and the options available” by Susan Fang (International Education Advisor, CMO of OxBridge Holdings, Inc, Founder of UK Guardianship)
- 12:25** “Enhancing Employability After Graduation: Skills, Strategies, and Opportunities” by John-Paul MacNamara (Associate Dean: Enterprise, Engagement and Employability, City, University of London)
- 12:35** “My Career Journey in the UK as a Trainee Solicitor and Associate Law Tutor” by John Choi (Trainee Solicitor, Latham & Watkins)
- 12:45** “UK Immigration Routes for Graduates” by Chloe Yap (Consultant Partner, Garth Coates Solicitors)
- 12:55** Q & A session
- 13:10** Vote of thanks and closing remarks by Mei Sim Lai OBE DL (chair of BMS)
- 13:15** Lunch and Informal Networking
- 14:30** End of Event

Cost

Mentors and

Mentees: No Charge

BMS Student

Members: No Charge

BMS

Members: £20

Non-BMS

Members: £30

Dress Code

Smart Casual

Booking can be made using the online booking system [[HERE](#)]

Please book as soon as possible, as spaces are limited!

If you are unable to book online, or have any queries or dietary restrictions, please contact Mei Sim Lai OBE DL



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Speaker Profiles

Chloe Yap



Chloe is a UK qualified solicitor with over 18 years of experience, specialising in corporate and private immigration law.

She is dual-qualified as a Chartered Legal Executive. Chloe holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Law from Northumbria University and completed her Legal Practice Course at the University of Westminster.

She spent over 4 years in management roles for two of the "Big Four" accountancy firms, working with multinational and large international companies, advising them and their employees on all aspects of immigration law.

Jane Chelliah MBE

Jane Chelliah MBE is an assistant director and Head of stakeholder engagement in audit reform at the Department of Business and Trade.

Jane is a believer in the good of the public sector to deliver services to the public. She has over 20 years' experience working in various fields such as marine, construction and electronics.



John Choi



John (Ching Jack) Choi, originally from Petaling Jaya, Selangor, is a trainee solicitor at an international law firm in London. He holds two postgraduate law degrees, the BCL Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford and the LLM Masters in Legal Practice from BPP University. He conducted his LLB Bachelor of Laws undergraduate studies at University College London (UCL), where he graduated on the Dean's List and achieved best performances in a number of modules. He also holds a Diploma in Accounting and Business from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Prior to his current position, John worked as a research assistant for several prominent legal scholars in his field and was appointed as an Associate Editor of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal. Whilst working in practice, John continues to actively engage in scholarship and has published in academic journals on advanced topics of private law.

John-Paul MacNamara

J-P MacNamara is a criminal defence lawyer. He qualified as a solicitor in 2011 and worked for a number of years for a top 100 London-based law firm before being promoted to partner in 2016. He subsequently worked for GT Stewart Solicitors as a Higher Court Advocate. He has appeared in the Crown Court for a range of criminal offences including serious violence, firearms and kidnap cases.

He has appeared as Junior Counsel in a number of murder cases and has appeared as Leading Junior in a conspiracy linked to a murder trial. In 2020 he cross-qualified as a barrister and holds a door tenancy at 33 Bedford Row. J-P is also a full-time staff member at the City Law School, City St Georges, University of London where J-P is a Senior Lecturer and also serves as Associate Dean: Enterprise, Engagement and Employability. J-P was shortlisted in the 2015 and 2016 Law Society Excellence Awards in the category of "Solicitor Advocate of the Year" and won "Lawyer of the Year" with the Surrey Law Society in 2019.



Susan Fang



Susan Fang is an international education advisor. She is a co-founder of OxBridge Holdings, Inc, an award-winning education consultancy that provides professional advice on all aspects of UK higher education and K-12 to international families.

Susan is named the Top 50 Voices in Education by The PIE (Professionals in International Education), winner of the Lead5050 workplace gender equity Inspiring Women of the Year award and finalist to EducationInvestor's Business Woman of the Year award. Her company has been named the best education consultancy by Boarding School Association (BSA) in the U.K. and the Golden Summit Awards in Taiwan.