

Euglena and Three Partner Organizations Hold the 4th Global Algae Summit 2026 in Malaysia

237 participants from 9 countries and 64 organizations gather to discuss the commercialization and practical applications of algae

Euglena Co., Ltd.

Euglena Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President : Mitsuru Izumo; hereinafter “Euglena Co.”) announces that, together with Euglena Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. (“Euglena Malaysia”), Leave a Nest Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. (“Leave a Nest Malaysia”), and Sunway University, they held the 4th Global Algae Summit 2026 (“GAS 2026”) in Malaysia on August 19, 2026.

GAS 2026 was held at Sunway University in Selangor, Malaysia, and brought together stakeholders from a wide range of fields, including universities, research institutions, companies, government agencies, and startups.



Participants of Global Algae Summit 2026 (GAS 2026)

The Global Algae Summit is an international conference that brings together universities, research institutions, companies, government representatives, and other stakeholders engaged in algae-related research and business in Malaysia, across Southeast Asia, and around the world. It provides a forum for sharing research findings, technologies, and challenges related to commercialization, while building networks across disciplines and organizations. The Summit aims to advance the real-world application and commercialization of algae research.

The fourth Summit was held under the theme ***“The Algae Frontier: Catalysing Value and Impact.”*** A total of 237 participants from nine countries attended, representing 64 organizations, including 28 companies, 34 universities, and two other organizations. This fourth edition recorded the highest attendance in the Summit’s history, reflecting growing interest in the commercialization and real-world application of algae technologies.

Keynote Speeches, Discussions, and Exhibitions

The keynote speeches and panel discussions covered the latest trends in algae research, potential applications in food, agriculture, aquaculture, and environmental fields, and efforts toward commercialization.

Representing the Euglena Group, Seonghwan Kim, Euglena Senior Executive Officer and Managing Director of Euglena Malaysia, delivered a keynote speech titled ***“Microalgae: No Longer a Future Technology, It Is Already a Business.”*** He introduced initiatives to develop algae technologies from research and development into businesses and to build sustainable value chains. He also discussed the potential use of algae-derived ingredients in the healthcare sector in Asia and business development in overseas markets.



Seonghwan Kim delivers a keynote speech

Researchers and business representatives from diverse fields also discussed resource circulation using underutilized resources and algae, as well as the potential role of algae in carbon markets. The program also included presentations, poster sessions, and exhibitions on agriculture and aquaculture using algae, biofuels, food, feed, and environmental technologies.



Euglena Malaysia booth presenting algae-derived ingredients

Euglena Co. will continue to hold the Summit and work with universities, research institutions, companies, and government representatives in Malaysia and other countries to advance algae-related research, development, and real-world application. Through these efforts, Euglena Co. aims to help realize sustainable industries and society through the use of algae.

Global Algae Summit 2026 (GAS 2026)

Date and time:

August 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Venue:

Sunway University, Selangor, Malaysia

Theme:

The Algae Frontier: Catalysing Value and Impact

Organizer:

Leave a Nest Malaysia

Co-organizers:

Euglena Co., Ltd.; Euglena Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.; Faculty of Medical & Life Sciences and School of Pharmacy, Sunway University

Supporting partners:

Atoz Carbon Cycle; Galdieria Co. Ltd.; NTT Inc.

Strategic partners:

AIBC; IMU University; Monash MIPO Biorefinery Laboratory; National Institutes of Biotechnology Malaysia (NIBM); Sunway Ocean Society; Universiti Teknologi MARA Institute for Biodiversity & Sustainable Development

Main topics:

- Algae production and utilization technologies
- Applications in food, agriculture, and aquaculture
- Biofuels and environmental solutions
- Resource circulation and carbon markets
- Real-world application and commercialization of algae research

About Euglena Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

Euglena Malaysia was established in 2022 as Euglena's local base of operations in Malaysia. It opened its R&D division in January 2023 and conducted research at the Euglena-UTM satellite lab on the Kuala Lumpur campus of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) until April 2025. Since May 2025, it has operated from a new research laboratory established within the Agro-Biotechnology Institute (ABI).

The R&D division conducts research to maximize and optimize the production and utilization of biomass, including microalgae such as *Euglena*, other algae, and plants. It also seeks to advance biomass-related research and development and real-world applications in Southeast Asia, including Malaysia.

About Leave a Nest Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

Leave a Nest Malaysia was established in Malaysia in 2013 as an overseas subsidiary of Leave a Nest Co., Ltd., a knowledge manufacturing company guided by the philosophy of "Advancing Science and Technology for Global Happiness."

In addition to its headquarters in Japan, Leave a Nest Co., Ltd. has subsidiaries in Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and operates globally. Under the philosophy "Synergizing Unique Diverse Cultures & Technologies to solve Deep Issues in Malaysia and Beyond," Leave a Nest Malaysia aims to accelerate economic growth and improve people's lives by adapting knowledge and technologies to Malaysia.

About Sunway University

Sunway University is one of Malaysia's leading private universities, located in Sunway City, Bandar Sunway, Selangor. The University places importance on developing high-quality talent and creating and applying knowledge that contributes to social advancement, while conducting education and research across a broad range of fields.

Sunway University is part of the Sunway Education Group, which is owned and governed by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, one of Malaysia's largest education-focused social enterprises. Through continued investment in educational and research facilities, scholarships, research grants, and other initiatives, the University is working to provide a sustainable educational environment. Within an urban environment that emphasizes sustainability, it advances research and education that address challenges facing society and the international community.

About Euglena Co., Ltd.

In 2005, Euglena Co. was the first company in the world to successfully establish outdoor mass cultivation technology for edible microalgae *Euglena*. The company develops and sells food, cosmetics, and other products using microalgae such as *Euglena* and *Chlorella*, and is also engaged in the development and production of biofuels. Since 2014, Euglena Co. has been running the "*Euglena* GENKI Program," delivering nutrient-rich biscuits containing *Euglena* to children in Bangladesh. With "Sustainability First" as its corporate philosophy, Euglena Co. continues to expand its business.

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