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ExCEL Prerequisite

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Activity : International Exchange Student Programme, UTM-
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Activities Information

Event Name: International Exchange Student Programme, UTM-Nagasaki Higashi

Date: 21st November 2019

Venue: Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, UTM

Organizer: Tourism Research UTM

Graduate Success Attributes

1. Communication
2. Leadership
3. Global Citizen
4. Scholarship

Position/Role Within the Activities

Position: Participant

Report

Program Background

The International Exchange Student Program is held once every fortnight, inviting foreign students from Japan on a field trip to Malaysia, and allowing them to visit university students in UTM to learn Malaysia culture. Generally, they are high school students who join the school mandated field trips in order to learn more of other countries outside of Japan and learning other cultures in the world.

Graduate Attributes focused on during Program

In this program, there are 4 Graduate Attributes that I can say that has been improved by participating in it. Those are the Communication, Leadership, Global Citizen and Scholarship attributes.

The event has impacted my Communications in a big and positive way. The Japanese high school students are taught English too, but we still encounter some roadblocks during communicating with them due to both of us not being able to understand each other's accents and additional regional additions to the language. Overcoming this is vital in making these cultural exchanges a success. To do so, we spoke slowly and attempted to speak clearly without imparting any sort of accents in our speech. Secondly, we taught each other words in the local language (for me, I learned a few words in Japanese, for them, a few words in Bahasa Melayu). This more or less established a degree of trust and understanding for each other, and henceforth made our cultural exchanges a fun and enlightening experience.

Next, I have improved my Leadership skills, by leading and guiding the Japanese students around UTM. By doing so, despite not communicating in each of our own native languages, we have gained the mutual respect over each other's ability during the team building exercises.

After that, I have also improved my Global Citizen attribute. By being a graceful host for them in UTM, I have gained excellent understanding on how the Japanese communicate, and had a glimpse of them displaying *tatamae* and *honne*, the outer and inner complex expressions of the Japanese people. They have also displayed excellent cultural refinement, regaling us their stories of *youkai*, supernatural Japanese beings that are not entirely dissimilar to the Malaysian Bunian stories.

Lastly, I have developed the Scholarship attribute by being open minded and willing to learn new Japanese words during the progression of this program. They were also open to the idea of learning a few common Malaysian greetings and goodbye phrases, which made them dear and splendid guests during the short time we spent with them.

Contents of Activity

This activity was organized by the Tourism Research UTM and was held in the Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying main building. This activity aims to encourage the university students of UTM to be a good host for the visiting Japanese High School students and introduce them to Malaysian culture.

This event is regularly done in UTM, done at roughly every fortnight. These high school students come from all corners of Japan, this time coming from Nagasaki Higashi high school. This activity consists of a icebreaking session and then moving around UTM session. After that, a closing ceremony was held near the bus parking area, with souvenirs being traded with each other.

Self-Reflection

All in all, I have gained multiple useful skills by joining this program. Firstly, I have developed a skill to communicate with people despite having language problems, by using gestures and common hand signs. Secondly, I have learnt how to be a team player, by also helping my teammate during the icebreaking to be more comfortable around new people by giving prompts and helping them to get the point across. Finally, I have made new friends and contacts internationally by joining this program.

Program Photos





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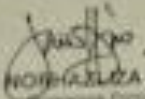
In recognition of participation, support and contribution towards
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Venue: Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, UTM

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