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REPORT 1

GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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REPORTING

During my first semester of Degree in Computer Science, I was invited by a friend, Hidayah, to join a program where we had to be mentors or facilitators to 2 groups of high school students, from Fukuoka Itoshima High School, and also Nakamura Gakuen High School Japan. This event was held by the Tourism Planning Research Group (TPRG) Universiti Teknologi Malaysia for 2 days, on the 8th of December 2019 till the 9th of December 2019. It was held at the Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai. Since the event was short staffed and short handed, 6 of my friends and I joined the program as facilitators.

A day before the actual event, all of us were informed to attend a meeting where we were to discuss the itinerary of the program. The 6 of us arrived by bus at the venue. Preparations were already being made at the Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, UTM. It only took us 5 minutes to arrive the venue from our respected colleges. As soon as we got in the hall, Our programme advisor, Dr Noorhazliza Abdul Halim, greeted us and thanked us for our contribution to help the event run smoothly. We sat with a few other students who will also be facilitators. Dr Noorhazliza started the meeting by checking the list of facilitators attendances. Dr Noorhazliza briefed us on the itinerary of the event. She told us that when the buses carrying the Japanese students arrive, the students will be broken into groups of 10, and that there will be 2 facilitators each group. I was separated from my friends, since my partner was someone I did not know, but it was okay.

We were to show the Japanese students all around Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. But no where far, as we had to guide them only by foot. We only had an hour to show them around and they had to be back in the hall for the official event ceremony. Dr Noorhazliza even gave us a list of places for us to visit with our group of Japanese students. After that, she broke out the news that they were short staffed and they needed a few students to volunteer as entertainers for the event. Long story short, after a long debate and a short discussion among ourselves, the six of us had to perform a traditional dance, the ‘Poco - poco’ with 2 other students.

After the meeting, we straight away went to practice the dance so that we won’t embarrass ourselves on the day of the event. To my surprise, I was the only one who actually knew the steps to the dance. Dr Noorhazliza automatically put me in charge of teaching the others how to dance the ‘Poco - poco’. I and Aimi, who gave me a lot of help, spent the next hour practising the moves of the dance and teaching the others. We were coached by 2 other students from the Faculty of Computing and surprisingly, the practice went smoother than I thought. After practice, we helped Dr Noorhazliza prepare the hall for the students’ arrival.

We arranged the chairs, the tables and also the staging area for the performances, the podium for the ‘Master of Ceremony’. After an hour of practice, we went back to our respective colleges and prepared ourselves for the event. Since we were not all from the same course, we didn’t get to find the right time for us to practice more even over the weekend. We planned out what we were going to wear on the day of the event. We decided to wear our traditional ‘Baju Kurung’, that will be paired with ‘Kain Sarung’ for the performance.

On the 8th of December, at 6.30 a.m, the 6 of us gathered together once again, for a bus ride to reach the venue together. When we arrived, Dr Noorhazliza quickly distributed breakfast to us. We each had a bread and a box of drink and we had our breakfast before the students arrive at 8. After breakfast, we practiced our dance for the last time. We suddenly had an idea to invite the students and their teachers to join us on stage. So we planned out when and how to approach them to ask them to join our dance.

Finally, at 8.00a.m, the time had come to greet the students. My partner and I, Hafiza, were in charge of group 10. All the facilitators had to line up in pairs and had to greet our students respectively. When the students got down from the bus, we immediately took them on a tour around campus. My group consisted of 10 girls, aged around 15 - 18. Only a few of them were able to speak English. The most fluent was Rio, and she was the translator for her friends. It was hard for us to communicate with them in the first place, but with the help of Google, we were able to communicate with them well.

We brought them to show the #IAMUTM in front of the library, the ‘Tasik Ilmu’, the deer farm and the Mosque. They were incredibly fascinated by the squirrels as in Japan, squirrels are not common at all. After the tour, it was time the students had to go back to the hall. The Master of Ceremony, Hidayah, started the event with her charming voice. She announced the programme’s aim, which was to enable the students of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Fukuoka Itoshima High School to exchange unique cultural traits of the Japanese culture and also the Malaysian culture. This programme also exposes students to the smallest variety of cultures in the world.

After the introduction, Dr Noorhazliza Binti Abdul Halim, as Programme Advisor, delivered her speech and was followed by a speech from the Principal of Fukuoka Itoshima High School. Shortly after the speeches were made, It was time for us to shine! We quickly put on our ‘Kain Sarung’ and made our way to the side of the stage. The students gave us a shocking gasp when they realized that we were about to perform for them. After our performance, it was finally time to say goodbye to them.

From joining this Global Exchange Programme, I got the opportunity to experience facing my fears of being cold feet. I got to communicate and learn about a new culture. It might not be easy at first, but it grew easy and it was fun knowing that we actually had the same interests despite our nationality and age gap.

RESPONDING

When my friend first told us about this programme, I was actually scared that it would affect my daily schedule. It was my first time participating in such a programme, and I was nervous to participate alone. Thankfully, my friends decided to join to. We finished our assignments earlier and helped each other throughout the programme. They even helped out for the Traditional dance even though they did not know the steps, because of me, they were willing to learn. Besides that, I was always nervous of meeting new people.

But as I approach them, the nervousness fades and I was able to gain new friends. I'm incredibly delighted I got the chance to be friends with others from another country. I'm also glad that we were able to exchange our culture. Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Skudai campus is an amazing place that completely symbolizes Malaysia. The Japanese students were already impressed looking at the Mosque, what would they have felt if they finished touring the whole campus? Sadly, because we ran out of time, we were not able to show them the entire campus.

RELATING

It is actually an interest of mine, to know about more cultures. I have loved to learn new languages since I was much younger. When I was in high school, we had a similar programme held where more or less 50 Japanese students came to our school and I was also a facilitator during that time. I really enjoyed myself then, and I extremely enjoyed myself when I joined this programme. Not only did I get to meet new friends, I also got the chance to bond with my older friends. None of us knew that we could dance well even after 4 years of knowing each other. This lead to us being closer than what we had before.

REASONING

To highlight this part of the report, let me stress again the fact that it was hard for us to communicate with the Japanese students. Because of our differences in culture, it was extremely hard to even say Hello. Thankfully before the event, Aimi, a friend of mine, helped us all. She had to make a speech for the event, and she helped us study a bit of the Japanese language. Also, Rio, one of the students, was fluent in English. She was officially picked as the translator for group 10, which was my group. Even though she was fluent in English, she still didn't know a few things that we explained to her. Thankfully, we had Google. We searched online about deers, lakes, and also mosques, to explain to her so she knows what we're trying to tell the group.

RECONSTRUCTING

As an answer for this part of the reflection, I conclude, that I would love to join more exchange programmes in the future. It was an outstanding experience. As I have stated before, it was amazing getting to meet new people, both Malaysians and foreigners. What I would like to do this event differently is that I would like to extend the length of the programme. It was too short. The poor Japanese students did not even get to take pictures properly. They were rushing to go to the next attraction spot. Extending the time of the programme will help them be more relaxed. Not only them, but also myself as a facilitator. I am sure that with more time, the students would not only be able to discover a part of the campus, they would also be able to try our amazingly delicious food. That was the only one thing that I thought could be improved. This programme has taught me about managing time well and being punctual.

APPENDIX



A group of Fukuoka Itoshima High School students that were involved



My friends and I receiving our certificate of participation



Certificate of Appreciation

GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

UTM – FUKUOKA ITOSHIMA HIGH SCHOOL

Awarded to

AQILAH HANIM BINTI MOHD TAUFIK

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In recognition of participation, support and contribution towards the
success of the event

Date: 8th & 9th December 2019

Venue: Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, UTM



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Halim'.

TPr. Dr. NORHAZLIZA ABD. HALIM
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The certificate of participation awarded to me.



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REPORT 2

SUSKOM 2020
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REPORTING

When PERSAKA (Persatuan Sains Komputer) first announced the games that were going to be held for SUSKOM (Sukan Sains Komputeran), I was beyond happy to see netball as one of the games. SUSKOM was held by PERSAKA and it was held to tighten the bond among the students from the Faculty of Computing. The netball match held on the third of March 2020, just a few days before the university was closed down due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

I was really happy when I knew that medals will be given to the first, second and third place winners. I am really into collecting medals ever since I was a child! I persuaded my friends, Alifah and Alia, whom I have known since diploma, since we have been playing netball together for 4 years. At first, only Alifah agreed to play and she was excited to play together too. Alia did not want to join in the first place but we still persuaded her to and she gave in. We created a group chat in ‘Whatsapp’ and started to advertise our group in other group chats. We found four more people who were interested in joining our team.

We got to know that they were also direct entry students, and from there, we got along pretty well. One of them offered to look for another 2 members to complete our team and luckily, her friends wanted to join. We filled in the forms with our identification and descriptions and we started to plan our training days.

Because of our different courses, not all of us were able to join all the training days. We trained for two weeks straight, excluding Fridays and Saturdays. Before the day of the big match, an enemy team, wanted to play a friendly with us. But we kindly declined their offer as we did not have enough members on our team. On the day of

the match, all of us wore our team jersey with matching brown hijab. We lost two matches and won one match making us the final third place winners.

Alifah, Alia and I also played against our ex-teammate, Kak Ain. Kak Ain used to be our teammate when we were playing for Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. We used to be on the same team because she was our senior but playing against her was weird. We had a lot of fun though. I did not go against her as I was a defend position as so was she. But Alia and Alifah had to face her a lot.

On the day of the closing ceremony, Alia, Alifah and I were not around as we had a few things to finish, so the other team members helped us collect our bronze medals. Till this day, the medals are still with them as we have not been able to see each other in months because of Covid-19.

From joining this SUSKOM netball match, I got the opportunity to experience playing netball with strangers, who later became my teammates, and most importantly my friends. Although it was hard at the beginning, the nine of us got through it and we were able to work on our team work.

RESPONDING

Ever since I was in high school, I have been in love with the game Netball. But to enter my school's netball team, I had to be over 1.6 meters tall. That fact made it difficult for me as I was only 1.5 meters tall. So during my diploma days, Where there were no height restrictions, I tried to play netball as much as I could.

My closest netball teammates were Alia and Alifah. The three of us used to play in the same team during our diploma years back in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. Imagine our excitement when we found out about the game here. The three of us quickly made a team and found a few other students from the school of computing that would want to join us.

At first, I was scared that this competition would be a distraction to my studies. But with Alia and Alifah by my side, I knew that they would help me with my studies. Besides, I only treat netball as an exercise and not more than than. Nothing more than something to sweat and release toxins for. I was also scared of meeting my new teammates for the first time Thankfully, my friends were there and they turned out to be really friendly too. We have even made our own team and want to join more netball competitions as a team after SUSKOM ended. Sadly, Covid-19 happened, and we did not get the chance to play more together any more. But fret not, our team RVBJ Mix, consisting of students from SCSR, SCSV, SCSB and SCSJ, will be up and at it again once the university opens and we'll be able to play netball again.

RELATING

As I have said before, playing netball has been something that I've wanted to do ever since I was in high school. But due to the height restrictions, I was only able to join an official netball team during my Diploma at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. On my first official game, with only a few practices, my team managed to win 1st place out of 11 teams. That win made me realize how much I like playing netball. Even though I was only either Wing Defend or Goal Defend, who do not get the ball often, I still had fun every time I get the ball from the team attacking.

I really enjoyed myself when I was playing for my team during Diploma and of course I extremely enjoyed myself when I joined this competition too. Not only did I get to meet new friends, I also got the chance to bond with my older friends. Not to mention getting to meet with an old teammate, who's playing for a different team! Getting to play with Kak Ain, who our senior during Diploma, was amazing. We have always played together as a team, so it was weird going against each other during the Semi-finals.

We actually got to know that she was joining the competition a day after we got a full team. It was sad we did not she was going to join earlier or she could have been in our team. She was ecstatic to train with us. It was an amazing experience getting to play together again after 4 years. Even when we are not on the same team.

REASONING

To highlight this part of the report, it was hard for us to train together as we were all from different courses, hence the name of our team being RVBJ Mix. Our trainings were never a full group of 9 players. It was extremely hard for us during the first few days of training, because some days, we did not even have enough players to play a game, so all we could do was pass the ball around. It was extremely hard for us to work together because there were holes in the game. Besides that, not all of our teammates were familiar with the game.

We had to teach some of them how to play and the rules of the games needed to be explained too. We also did not have a coach to help us at the time, making it difficult for us to play well. So we came up with a plan to pick a leader who knows all the rules and regulations, and the leader will decide who would get to play and what position she would play. After all the hustle, we made it happen. We managed to get third place in the competition and all that matters was that we had fun. Even though we almost gave up at the beginning, we had put aside our differences and tried to make it to every practice.

RECONSTRUCTING

As an answer for this part of the reflection, I conclude, that I would love to join more exchange programmes in the future. It was an outstanding experience. The only thing that I would like to change about the way this game was handled, was the time they released the information. It was released too late and we had trouble finding for other people to complete our team. We were lucky that we got to recruit 6 others who were willing to join us at the very last minute. Because all of us were interested in joining the competition, we had to make do with whom we have on the team.

Not all of us were netball players so it was hard at the beginning. But we had fun and that's all that matters. Besides that, everything was splendid. This competition has taught me about managing time well and teamwork. Without my teammates, we wouldn't have been able to secure third place in the competition. It was a valuable moment to me.

APPENDIX



RVBJ Mix



With the First Place Winners



Alifah, Alia, Kak Ain and myself

