



# ISC News

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



It is a busy yet exciting time for all of us here in ISC where we have our hands full for the various short term and summer programs that are being organised by us as well as other faculties. As the main coordinating centre which coordinates and handles the matters with regards to the short programs from the preparatory stage to the culmination of the programmes, we have the commitment of the staff at all levels in then office to work together and to ensure that the university is able to provide the right platform and productive and fulfilling experience for the students who have shown their eagerness to experience the short stay here in Malaysia. Besides the summer programs, we are also proud to be the host for the 8th APRU Undergraduate Summer Program which sees the participation from member universities with various programmes being lined up to ensure a fulfilling take-away for them. The new semester and session also begins where up to 400 new exchange students from the world over begin their journey of discovery and knowledge here for one semester with us providing the necessary orientation for them during the orientation week with activities like campus tour, briefings and registration to help them to settle down quickly and adapt to a new environment. Up to 60 new full-time undergraduate students also registered for the new intake and it is hoped that all of them will be able to get the most from here with as unique learning and research experience which will provide as the main tool in the turning of a new chapter in their life journey.

# 8<sup>TH</sup> APRU UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER PROGRAM



We are proud to be the host for the 8th APRU Undergraduate Summer Program in August. After successfully bidding to be the host for this year, intensive and detailed preparation and planning were articulated by International Student Centre as its main anchor in organising this program and with the help of various other departments and faculties in making this event a success.



The end result also shows the tremendous amount of teamwork and cooperation in the spirit of the university in providing the best service possible in ensuring that this program indeed bears fruit for all the participants and achieving the intended the objectives in line with the theme presented for this year; "Developing Future Global Leaders of the Pacific Rim: The Different Facets of Leadership".



Various academic and non-academic content are drafted up and students are exposed to quality lectures from prominent speakers and industry leaders in the country which touch upon the challenges of today's inter-connected world as well as leadership challenges. The students are also being brought for various field trips as well as the homestay programmes for them to further immerse themselves in the local cultures and customs.





# MUSEUM OF ASIAN ART

University of Malaya's Museum of Asian Art is an outstanding education-oriented museum. Located in the main campus of the university, it aims to promote Asian art among multicultural Malaysians. The Museum holds nearly 7,000 treasures, representing cultures throughout Asia, and spanning 4,000 years of Asian history. Featuring 1,500 squares feet of gallery space, the museum showcases the unique material aesthetic, and intellectual achievements of Asian art and culture, including Chinese pottery Hindu statuary, textiles from the Malay archipelago, and sacred masks of Orang Asli communities.

The collection of the Museum of Asian Art has a long history, having been built up over a period of almost 50 years. The first item on record is a bronze Buddha head from Chiengsen period (1400-1550 AD), Thailand, given to the museum by Kun Krassri Nimanamhasminda in 1954. This contribution marked the beginning of the University of Malaya Art Museum at that time based in the university's campus in Singapore. The Buddha head was thus acquired several years before the University of Malaya campus was established in Kuala Lumpur in 1962. At that time a section of the university library was used to display the artifacts. The museum's present home was built to accommodate the increasing new acquisition. In Jun 1980, the new building was built in the scenic area between the Faculty of Economics and the Law Faculty (currently occupied by the Business and accounting Faculty). Within its three floors of exhibition space, the museum represents three civilizations; the Indian, The Chinese and the Islamic (Malay culture).





Apart from that, the extensive water vessel (kendi) collection is the largest in the world with pieces dating from the 11th century A.D. The museum also houses many rare pieces such as the Sawankhalok pottery manhunt elephant figurines products in Thailand during 14th-15th century A.D. The valuable collections of stone carvings, copper items, Malays' weaponry among others are also on display as part of the university duties to provide our beloved students and country with a message- our ancestor passing a great civilization to us.





# FIELD TRIPS

The field trip programs are catered during this period to the short term students especially for the APRU programs as well as our summer program for students from Asia University. The students are privileged to be able to experience the wonders of the historical city of Melaka, the skyscrapers of Kuala Lumpur, the beautiful night view of Putrajaya and its elegant buildings and structures, and also other interesting places.



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# ORIENTATION



It is with open hearts that we welcome new students for the new semester in September 2015. Airport pick-up service is provided for the students back to campus where they are all checking in to the dormitory, The 10th Residential College.



Students arrive in staggered times and orientation commences a day after that in which students are being given briefings and introduction to the general information on the university as well as the International Student Centre and the functions and services provided.





Various other briefings are also conducted with regards to the amenities we have on campus as well as the processes and matters that need to be done such as the matric cards, insurance, visa matters and also dormitory regulations. Campus tour is also held where the students are shown on the landmarks and other important buildings like the main library, faculties, administration building, post office, grocery shops and others.





The two-day orientation ends with a registration process and confirmation for visa and insurance as well as collecting their orientation pack which consists of a T-shirt, umbrella and a backpack.



The international full-time undergraduates are also being given a one week long orientation where they join the local students in all the orientation activities being prepared for them which include briefings and introduction to the university and its different centres, faculties and the facilities. Cultural and sports events are also held for the students and they have a productive week where it helps them to adapt and settle down quickly in preparation for their degree-seeking journey here.





# OUTBOUND SUMMER PROGRAM TO TAIWAN



A total of 100 students were selected based on their academic achievement as well as co-curricular involvement in the university to join the Outbound Summer Program to Asia University, Taiwan.



The bilateral relations between the two institutions have been growing stronger each year where the reciprocal exchange of students every summer has been the catapult in elevating students' experience in both countries.





This August, the local students of UM were privileged to spend a month at Asia University where they had classes mainly in the fields of media studies. There was also a short film competition for the students where they were divided into teams and will then compete for the prizes during the closing finale.



They were also being brought for field trips around the city in Taichung and all expressed a pleasant experience.



# SHORT TERM PROGRAM – OTARU UNIVERSITY OF COMMERCE

The first arrangement for the summer program between University of Malaya and Otaru University of Commerce materialised in August 2014 where 12 students are spending three weeks in the university attending language classes as well as traditional dances and musical instruments. They are also accompanied by local students who also join them for their classes as well during the routines and performances for the learning of musical instruments and dances.







Among other activities being prepared for them are field trips to KL and Putrajaya and also homestay program at Kg Morten, Melaka. After seeing a successful summer program for the students, hopes are high for a further consolidation and elevation of efforts to improved and enhanced ties between the two institutions in bigger areas of cooperation and to retain similar programs in the future.





# SHORT TERM PROGRAM – ASIA UNIVERSITY

The solid partnership and relations between Asia University and UM has again been reflected in the former sending 62 students for the Summer Program in August. Being a reciprocal arrangement, we send our local students there in which it is hoped that the experience will be a rewarding one for all parties and that it will bear fruit in all aspects mutually.



Airport pick-up is provided for the students upon arrival at the airport and the accommodation is provided at 10th Residential College. Students attended language classes as well as traditional musical instruments and dance where they presented beautifully and gracefully in what they have diligently learned over the past three weeks.



They were also being brought for field trips as well as homestay program during the weekends before they finally departed with fond memories and new-found valuable experience.



# PAKISTANI INDEPENDENCE DAY



An event marking the independence day of Pakistan on 14th August 2015 has been arranged in University of Malaya by the Pakistani students society.

This event brought together Pakistani students, families, public figures, journalists and scientists. Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan in Malaysia was the chief guest of the ceremony accompanied by Prof. Dr Mazhar and University officials from faculty and the International Student Centre. The Honourable Guest described his immense pleasure to attend this ceremony for the first time in University of Malaya. He applauded the contribution of Pakistani scholars and scientists in research and development activities in Malaysia. He also emphasized that the students need to realise their responsibilities and roles as representatives of Pakistan in Malaysia.

This event represented a unique blend of diverse culture of Pakistan where it featured a fun filled day for all ages, astonishing cultural performances, ethnic Pakistani cuisine, national songs, poetry and quiz sessions. More than 120 members of Pakistani community attended this colorful event. Participants were wearing green and white to honor the flag of Pakistan. Cake cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the 68th birthday of Pakistan. After the session, guests were served with traditional Pakistani dishes. The event was a successful one and kick-started a platform for dynamic representation of Pakistani community in the university.





## PROUD HOST TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

A continuous stream of visitors and delegations from overseas pours in where most of the core exchanges and discussions are with regards to potential joint collaboration in research and cooperation in mobility programs as well as internship opportunities. Areas of cooperation and mutually beneficial collaboration in high impact areas remain wide open and the interests among the delegations have always been astounding.



We are strongly appreciative of their commitment and their presence where sharing of ideas, experience and expertise always remain the heart of the agenda in exploring the opportunities together.





## NIGERIA DIASPORA DAY

### Nigeria Diaspora Day Celebrated at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Nigerian Students' Community, University of Malaya (NiSCUM) in acknowledging the Federal Government of Nigeria declaration of August 24 and 25 as Diaspora Days and in recognition of Nigerians in Diaspora as important stakeholders in national development hosted Diaspora Day Celebration in University of Malaya with the Theme "Nigeria: Past, Present and Future". Papers were presented on Economy, Education, Youths Empowerment centred around *Malaysian Blueprint as a Model for Nigerians*. Other features include cultural exhibition and pictorial panorama on Monday, August 24, 2015 at High Research Impact Auditorium, University of Malaya.



Special Guests include the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic & International Affairs, Prof. Dr. Awg Bulgiba Awg Mahmud as well as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Development, Prof. Dr. Faisal Rafiq Mahamd Adikan. The acting Nigerian High Commissioner in Malaysia was represented by Malam Auwalu Namadina. Other guest speakers were Dr. Muhammad Danial Bin Azman, Senior Lecturer, Department of International and Strategic Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Dr. Ray Ikechukwu Jacob, Research Fellow, Institute of Research Management & Monitoring,





# STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE



This summer vacation I went to Malaysia for three weeks for the summer program organised by UM.

This is first time I come to this country and I had a wonderful time here with the food and also the nice people. The food here is not the same with Taiwan and it has a lot of variety with the different races and their delicious food.

I came here to learn English and Malay and we also had interesting classes of traditional dances and also musical instruments. I also went to the KLCC , Batu Caves and other interesting places which are being organised by ISC. During the final farewell ceremony, we performed the dances as well as the musical we

learned throughout our stay here and it was a memorable event for all. This summer program gave me a different experience. I hope I can come here again and I will miss my friends in Malaysia.

Jie Ru,

Asia University, Taiwan



I studied English in University of Malaya in summer. I'm from Japan. I studied only two weeks in Malaysia. But I had a great experience through this program. In Japan, we usually study English through writing or reading.

I have few chances to speak English in Japan and I had never lived in an English speaking environment. In UM, I had the chance to learn to speak. I sang English songs with my teacher and classmates and we discussed about academic topics. It was very exciting because I had never been challenged that way! Actually it was hard for me to speak only English in life but my teachers and my classmates were very kind and helpful to help me. When I couldn't understand what my teacher said, my classmates helped me. When my pronunciation was not good, my teacher taught me again and again. Not only I got my English skills right, but also I got to know great people. It is a good memory for me. I became to love Malaysia and I want to be back again!

Thank you.

Manami Ueda,  
Chiba University, Japan



# STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE



This summer vacation, I joined the summer program in University of Malaya and I spent 28 days to study English. I also joined many other programs organised by UM for us such as the field trips, the homestay program and also learned the traditional dances and also the musical instruments. This program let me learn and experience even more than I expected. I went through the streets of Kuala Lumpur and I also knew some customs of Malaysia. It was a great experience to learn these things, and I hope I can go back again. I also appreciate my friends there and all the wonderful memories that I had during the short but meaningful period I had in Malaysia.

Chia Yi Lin,  
Asia University, Taiwan





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