

REPORT ON MALAYSIA VISIT

Strengthening International Academic Relations and Cooperation with Malaysian Universities

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Country Visited: Malaysia

Purpose of Visit: Student Escorting, International Academic Collaboration and Strengthening Institutional Relations

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1. Objectives of the Visit

A visit to Malaysia was undertaken with the primary objective of escorting students from KL University to INTI University, Malaysia, and ensuring their smooth transition and initial settlement at the host university. In addition to this immediate responsibility, the visit provided an important opportunity to strengthen the International relations and cooperation between KL University and leading Malaysian universities.

During the visit, interactions were held with senior representatives and International Relations officials of various Malaysian universities, including INTI University, TR UMT University, SEGi University, and Asia Pacific University (APU). The discussions focused on exploring and strengthening opportunities for academic cooperation, student and faculty mobility, semester exchange programs, and collaborative research activities.

The visit was therefore significant from both student-support and institutional internationalization perspectives, providing a platform to establish stronger and more sustainable academic partnerships between KL University and Malaysian higher-education institutions.

2. Student Escorting and Initial Settlement at INTI University

The primary purpose of the visit was to accompany the students of KL University who were travelling to **INTI University, Malaysia**, as part of the academic mobility/exchange program.

During the initial phase of the visit, attention was given to ensuring that the students were properly received and comfortably settled at the host university. Assistance was provided in matters related to their initial transition, orientation, accommodation, campus familiarization, and understanding of the academic environment.

The interaction with the host university officials such as Dr. K. Kumeresan Krishnasamy, Dr. Ir. Malathy and Director IR Dr. Prof. Dr. Asokan Vasudevan also helped in addressing the initial requirements and concerns of the students. The visit ensured that the students could begin their

academic program with greater confidence and without unnecessary difficulties associated with moving to a new country and university.



Figure 1 Photo taken at INTI University with visiting students of KL University

3. Interaction with Malaysian Universities

As part of the broader objective of strengthening international relations, meetings and discussions were held with representatives of prominent Malaysian universities.

3.1 INTI University

The visit to INTI University primarily focused on the successful transition and settlement of KL University students participating in the academic program.

Discussions were also held with the International Relations representatives regarding the continuation and expansion of academic cooperation between the two institutions.

The major areas discussed included:

- Semester exchange programs.
- Student exchange and mobility.
- Faculty exchange programs.
- Collaborative research opportunities.

The interaction provided an opportunity to understand the requirements and possibilities for expanding the existing academic relationship and developing the collaboration in a more structured and sustainable manner. During the discussion, Dr. K. Kumeresan proposed 15 January 2027 as the tentative commencement date for the Semester Exchange Program.



Figure 2 Picture taken during INTI University visit with Dr. K. Kumeresan



Figure 3 Pictures taken during INTI University visit with Dr. Ir. Malathy

3.2 TR UMT University

Interaction with the International Relations representatives of **TR UMT University** focused on exploring potential areas of academic and institutional cooperation.

The discussions included the possibility of developing student and faculty mobility programs and establishing mechanisms for academic collaboration between KL University and TR UMT. As per my discussion with Director IR Dr. Danny Chang, he has shown interest in hosting our students at TR-UMT, but they have shown very little interest in sending their students to KL University stating problems with mismatches on the course offered at TR-UMT and KL University.



Figure 4 Meeting with Director IR Dr. Danny Chang at TRUMT Malaysia

Key areas explored were:

- Student exchange programs.
- Semester-based mobility programs.
- Faculty exchange and academic visits.
- Joint research activities.
- Collaborative publications.

The discussion indicated significant potential for developing mutually beneficial academic activities between the two institutions.

3.3 SEGi University

The meeting with the International Relations representatives of **SEGi University** focused on identifying areas where the two institutions could strengthen their academic partnership.

The discussions covered:

- Student exchange programs.
- Semester exchange opportunities.
- Faculty exchange and mobility.
- Joint research projects.
- Joint workshops and seminars.
- Opportunities for faculty and student interaction.



Figure 5 Meeting with Dr. Tezara Cionita at SEGi University Malaysia

The interaction with Director IR Dr. Tezara Cionita helped identify possible areas for further discussion and future development of academic cooperation between KL University and SEGi University. SEGi University was looking more towards faculty exchange and research collaboration than student mobility programs.

3.4 Asia Pacific University (APU)

A meeting was also held with representatives of **Asia Pacific University (APU)** to explore opportunities for strengthening academic relations and international cooperation. I had very fruitful discussions with Dr. R. K. Raenu. He has shown interest in following topics:

- Semester exchange programs.
- Student mobility.
- Faculty exchange.
- Joint research and development activities.
- Collaborative publications.
- Joint academic events.
- Sharing of academic expertise and resources.
- Development of long-term institutional collaboration.



Figure 6 Picture taken at APU Malaysia with Dr. R.K. Raenu

The interaction with Dr. R.K. Raenu has revealed that APU is willing to participate in all above-mentioned activities and he personally want to visit KL University under faculty exchange program for one full semester.

4. Key Outcomes of the Visit

All visiting university officials have shown their support for semester exchange programs and other academic collaborations. I had discussions for research collaboration too with all university officials. We also concluded a guideline to do the collaboration which is as follows:

- Faculty who wants to do research collaboration can explore our partner university website to look for matching area of interest of faculties.
- They can inform the details of selected faculties to IR department of their respective universities.
- IR department of respective universities will talk among themselves about the faculties and link those two faculties directly for possible research or academic collaborations.
- Here IR Department will act as bridge between faculties of partner and host universities for any possible research or academic collaborations.

5. Recommendations and Future Action Plan

Based on the interactions during the visit, the following actions are recommended:

Immediate Actions

- Maintain regular communication with the International Relations offices of the visited universities.
- Follow up on the discussions regarding student and faculty mobility.

Short-Term Actions

- Initiate discussions about structured semester exchange programs.
- Shared the list of courses being offered during semester exchange programs of various departments.
- Explain the flexibility and time line for the hosted semester exchange program.
- We need to make sure about the courses being offered during semester exchange program are matching with our partner university courses and curriculum.

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