

UKM - Global Student Mobility Partnerships

Sustainability of Tropical Heritage



"Building bridges for international understanding and friendship"

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Why Participate in UKM-Global Student Mobility Partnerships?

Learn about other cultures and languages and appreciate your own.

Be part of an international network of friends.

Impress your future employers with an outstanding CV with evidence of initiative, confidence, independence and cross-cultural exposure, which become valuable asset in the job market.

Learn from researchers and experts on sustainability of tropical heritage at a leading research university in Malaysia. Take the chance to know more about Malaysians and take advantage of wonderful travel opportunities via the field trips or on your own.

Cost of the Programme

USD 2500.00

* Inclusive of accomodation, food, course material, field trips, air and ground transpotation in Malaysia

**Application Deadline:
31 May 2011**

Duration

A four week programme which comprises:

- 50 hours of lectures and discussions on campus;
- 80 hours of fieldwork in Langkawi GeoPark, Chini Lake, Kinabatangan River, and Danum Valley, Sabah;
- 30 hours of presentation and discussion of mini projects on campus.

The programme will be conducted bi-annually in June/July.

Credit Transfer

This course has a value of four credit units (subject to approval by respective home universities).



For more information and application forms :

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Introduction

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's UKM-Global Student Mobility Partnerships on sustainability of tropical heritage allows international students to visit Malaysia, an ancient land mass with its amazing ecology, unique flora and fauna, not seen in other parts of the world. The one-month student mobility programme blends experiencing university life at one of Malaysia's leading universities with exploring one of the world's 12 nations with mega-diverse ecosystems.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

The main campus of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) is situated in Bangi, near administrative capital Putrajaya and about 35 km south of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. The campus has its own forest reserve with the campus buildings complementing the natural landscape. Established in 1970, UKM offers a comprehensive range of degree programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Course Structure

The course on sustainability of tropical heritage is spearheaded by the Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI) and Faculty of Science and Technology (FST), UKM. The course introduces and provide you with the knowledge of a tropical eco-system, Malaysia's cultural and economic environment and the value of sustainable tropical heritage.

Core Content – You will learn the concept of nature heritage, sustainable development of nature conservation. You will also study the physical landscape and bio-diversity of Malaysia's tropical ecosystem.

Language Proficiency – You will learn basic conversational Malay Language.

General Knowledge – You will also learn about Malaysia's socio-economic and cultural background.

Enrichment Activities – You will have a chance to visit Langkawi GeoPark (the first UNESCO Global GeoPark in Southeast Asian region). In the state of Sabah, you will have a opportunity to climb Mount Kinabalu and experience snorkelling at Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park. In Sarawak, you will visit Sarawak Cultural Village which is Southeast Asia's finest living museum.

Course Objectives

To absorb and appreciate the unique tropical heritage and diverse cultures of the Malaysian community whilst building international friendships. Specifically it will:

- Enable you to understand better the natural heritage concept and observe the integrated conservation efforts for sustainability and eco-tourism;
- Allow you to experience first hand and document visually the geological and biological heritage of Langkawi Island, Chini Lake (Pahang), Danum Valley (Sabah) and Kinabatangan River (Sabah).
- Enable you to analyse the effectiveness of the various conservation initiatives in Malaysia.

Cultural Knowledge and Enrichment

Malaysia has diverse geological and biological ecosystems, boasting unique physical landscapes, primary rainforests and diverse marine life. There is a remarkable mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and indigenous cultures and customs. It has modern cities with excellent infrastructure existing alongside world heritage sites, wildlife sanctuaries and nature reserves.

For Whom

Undergraduate students who shall remain registered at their respective home universities.

By Whom

Respected academics and resource personnel, with combined working and research experience on sustainable tropical heritage, will conduct the programme to provide the utmost learning experience.

Key Components

- Gain core knowledge of geological diversity, flora and fauna diversity and cultural diversity;
- Discuss issues of conservation and sustainable use of natural resource;
- Interact and live with the indigenous communities of Sarawak;
- Participate in field trips to Langkawi GeoPark (Kedah), Danum Valley (Sabah), Kinabatangan River (Sabah) and Chini Lake (Pahang);
- Learn conversational Malay; and
- Build international friendships through 'buddy system' in which you (as a visiting student) are partnered with students from UKM.

