EMPOWERING FUTURE-READY GRADUATES THROUGH MALAYSIAN TROPICAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL

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Malaysia

1. Divided into **West Malaysia** (Peninsular Malaysia) and **East Malaysia** (Sabah & Sarawak)

2. **Multiracials.** Among the race is Malay (majority), Chinese, Indian, Sikhs, Cina Peranakan/Baba-Nyonya, India Peranakan (Chitty), Orang Asli (Aboriginal People), Dayak, Iban, Bidayuh, Murut, Melanau, Kadazan Dusun, Penan, etc

3. With this, comes a myriad of language spoken, religions, festivals, food & customs

4. **Islam** is the official religion. However, the rights of other religions are protected under The Constitution and can be practiced freely throughout Malaysia. Among other religions include Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism

5. Because of the multicultural heritage, many religious festivals are also public holidays and are celebrated nationwide regardless of race or belief.
LOCAL CUISINES

Malaysia has a hugely varied national menu with Malay, Chinese, Indian and regional fusion recipes from across Asia. Although rice is the staple diet, many dishes go with a different base such as flour.

Within each ethnic type, every subgroup has its own differences, and among the indigenous groups there are particular specialties. Generally, Malay and Indian cooking is spicier whereas Chinese food is milder on the palate.

Tropical fruits grow in abundance, and a local favorite is the durian, also known as the King of Fruit.

Malaysia’s ethnic diversity is apparent in food prohibitions: Muslims are forbidden to consume alcohol & pork which is a favorite of the Chinese population; Hindus do not eat beef; some Buddhists are vegetarian.
LIFE IN MALAYSIA

For some students, moving to a new country for full time program can be exciting, yet daunting.

WHY?

The “W” Curve

Home Country

Arrival in Malaysia

Completion Of Contract

Leaving home and family

Culture Shock

Feeling Unhappy

Arrival back home

Reverse Culture Shock

Adjusting

Leaving Malaysia

Adapting to life back in your home country

THE PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT

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Malaysian Tropical Educational Experience (MyTrEE) Summer School

Fascinating two to three weeks of comprehensive academic program dedicated to sharing and experiencing the interesting of multicultural background in the state of Johor, Malaysia.

Interesting courses with a wide range application related to the tropical environment, introduction to Malaysian local community background, heritage and tradition.

Incorporate theory and practice blended with the local culture and social activities which creates and lead to reciprocal partnership through which participants exchange ideas, share experience, discover new knowledge and established a network.

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Malaysian Tropical Educational Experience (MyTrEE) Summer School (Cont.)

Modules included lectures, seminars, group work as well as excursion and field trips to several interesting areas of interest in the country of Malaysia Truly Asia.

Participants learned new outside of the classroom experience and enjoying the dexterous hands – on experience by participating in beautiful diversity of Malaysian culture.

MyTrEE Summer Schools have a positive impact on a participant’s understanding in adapting themselves into a new environment which lead to high demand in career possibilities.

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MyTrEE Summer School enables institutions to

✓ Increase national and international visibility;

✓ Leverage institutional strengths through strategic partnerships and collaboration;

✓ Add important, contemporary learning outcomes to student experience;

✓ Provide relevant education to students, who will be the citizens, entrepreneurs and scientists of tomorrow.

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Learning Outcomes of MyTrEE Summer School

Students will be able to learn about academic and Malaysian learning experience:

- Specific academic learning outcomes
- Colorful multi-cultural festivals
- Unique Truly Asian gastronomic experiences
- Heritage places (Portuguese, Dutch, British)
- Multi-religious practices: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Sikhism etc.
- Tropical flora & fauna
- and many others!

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MyTrEE Summer School Offerings

**Colorful Multi-religion and Multi-cultural Festivals**

**Visiting Heritage/Leisure**
- Melaka
  (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

**Buildings & Landmarks**

**Truly Asian Gastronomic Experiences**
- Rojak
- Laksma
- Ayam Bakar Kari
- Satay
- Nas Lemak

**Multi Religious in Malaysia**

**Beaches & Resorts**

**Amusement Parks**
- LEGOLAND MALAYSIA
- SANRIO HELLO KITTY TOWN
- ANGRY BIRDS ACTIVITY PARK
ENSURING THE CONTINUITY ON BUILDING THE HUMAN CAPACITY VIA MyTrEE SUMMER SCHOOL

BUILDING ELEMENTS OF CONTINUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

1: Knowledge
2: Practical Skills
3: Social Skills & Responsibility
4: Ethics & Values
5: Communication
6: Problem-solving
7: Information Management
8: Entrepreneurship

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TO EMPOWER FUTURE–READY GRADUATES BY MODELING AND DELIVERING DIFFERENTIATED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

ENSURING PROJECT ASSIGNED IS CLOSED TO PRACTICE

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TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS FROM WORLD–WIDE UNIVERSITIES TO CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

• **Increase productivity** of the participants by enabling them to make a faster decision

• **Spur Innovation** by increasing collaboration among the participants

• **Remove the barriers** of distance and time by allowing the participants to connect with one another anytime, anywhere and on any device
TO PROVIDE DIFFERENT APPROACH OF 21\textsuperscript{st} CENTURY NEW ACADEMIA

- Provide unique opportunities for students
  - supervised, hands on project

- Training for work force of the 21\textsuperscript{st} century
  - teaming approaches
  - interdisciplinary applications

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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Experienced Teaching Instructors
- Holistic and On-going Assessment
- Reflective Learning
- Immersive Experiential Learning
- Motivation for Life-long Learning
- One-on-one Buddy System
- 21st Century Learning Environment
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

UTM Student Community Buddies, Tourist Guide, Silat & Zapin, Performers, Photographers, Designers, Videographers

State Library
(Reading and Story-telling)

Sharing session at nearby primary or secondary schools

Host Family
Teluk Sengat Kota Tinggi Museum, Johor Art Gallery

Visit to flea market such as Pasar Tani, Pasar Malam and night Bazaar

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INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING

Visit to Multi-National Companies (e.g. JVC Kenwood, Mizuho Precision, Calsonic Kansei)

Oil Palm Plantation, FELDA Kota Tinggi

INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING

Local Tourism Industries
(Johor Bahru, Plaza Angsana Durian Fest, Iskandar Puteri, Kota Tinggi, Mersing, Desaru, Tanjung Piai, Sungai Melayu, Bandar Hilir Melaka, Ayer Keroh)

Johor Craft Complex
(Batik Tjanjing, Layang-layang, Musical Instruments, Traditional Games)
CONTINUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Enhancing oral communication skills
- Building up confidence
- Improving interaction skills

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<th>Opportunity to Use English</th>
<th>Participant 3 (From Open-Ended Questionnaire)</th>
<th>“In my opinion, it is good since it gave me the opportunity to use the English language more often that leads to mastering the language. I think it was very exciting and interesting.”</th>
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<td>Participant 6 (From Journal Entry)</td>
<td>“After the lunch, we discuss about the class that we took first period in English. It was very precious experience for me to take the UTM class in English.”</td>
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<td>Participant 10 (From Journal Entry)</td>
<td>“So, I learn UTM more interesting. So, I felt that I am now more confident in using English because I have spoken English since one weeks ago and I think I can talk with UTM students.”</td>
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<td>Participant 7 (From Journal Entry)</td>
<td>“…I can talk with buddie about anything in life,…”</td>
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<td>Participant 11 (From Journal Entry)</td>
<td>“Second, I attended the class of group work. In the class, we did group work with the students of UTM. It was so fun, and I think SIT should have the class like that.”</td>
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UTM MALAYSIAN TROPICAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE (MyTrEE) SUMMER SCHOOL

1000 USD FOR 2 WEEKS PROGRAM

1500 USD FOR 3 WEEKS PROGRAM

INCLUSIVE OF ACCOMMODATION, CULTURAL & LANGUAGE COURSES, FIELD TRIPS & MEALS DURING PROGRAM

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STUDENTS’ TESTIMONIALS

What do you like most about our Summer School program?

“I want to stay here more. My best experience in UTM is culture sharing session and trip to Tanjung Piai with UTM students. In these events, we can know each culture easily and pleasantly.”

“Culture sharing session with UTM students because we could know each other and we could learn about English and Malaysia.”

“I grow up (improve) English skill, communication skill by joining this programme. And, I could make new friends in UTM. So, I want other students to know it.”
Lead Host

Co-Hosts

Theme
Diversity and Inclusivity of Higher Education in the Asia-Pacific

Sub-Themes
✓ Strategizing Higher Education and 21st Century Education
✓ Partnership & Mobility: Developing Global Citizens
✓ Inclusion, Equality and Diversity in Higher Education
✓ Harmonizing Regional Higher Education
✓ Regional Reports

Venue: KLCC

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