

UMS staff gain new knowledge from program at Turkish university

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KOTA KINABALU: Six Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) academic and administration staff have obtained interesting experiences and new knowledge from participating in a mobility programme at Cankiri Karatekin University, Turkey, recently.

Deputy Dean (Academic and Internationalization) of the Faculty of Business, Economy and Accounting, Dr Lim Fui Yee Beatrice, said the programme opened her eyes to the challenges foreign lecturers faced in teaching local students.

"The experience enables me to improve my cross-cultural skills that can be adopted in UMS, particularly in lectures involving international students."

She was also attracted to the Turkish education system that integrated the global perspective in their teaching and learning.

"The approach will produce graduates equipped with global leadership characteristics who are aware of the geo-political and socio-economic developments in the world."

Beatrice said the mobility programme also paved the way for knowledge enhancement through research, publication



UMS academic and administration staff with participants from other countries.

and cultural exchange involving academic members, administration staff and students between both countries, she said when met by the media, here, yesterday.

Meanwhile, Deputy Director of the Centre of Internationalization and Global Engagement, UMS, Associate Professor Dr Wardatul Akmam Din, said the programme was useful in terms of providing knowledge on implementation of activities.

"This is because those who were involved, be it lecturers or administration staff, could observe and execute the

activities on site."

On the other hand, administration staff Junainah Ismail and Arvina Matthew said meticulousness in the management of activities would lessen the dependency on manpower as well as reduce costs.

"This is among the knowledge we gained from participating in the mobility programme, which was also attended by participants from Algeria, Sudan, Tunisia and Bangladesh."

They said easy-to-understand communication also played an important role in delivering

quality services.

They added that the administration staff from Cankiri Karatekin University shared their practical skills on efficient documentation as well.

Also participated in the mobility programme were Deputy Dean (Academic and International) of the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Associate Professor Dr Darnesah Gabda and Faculty of Psychology and Education lecturer, Associate Professor Dr Suyansah Swanto.

The five-day programme was fully sponsored by Erasmus.