

FIELD TRIP TO BEAUFORT SPECIALTY RUBBER SDN.BHD.

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On 14th December, 2014, the 3rd year students of Biotechnology Programme have successfully completed a field trip to Beaufort Specialty Rubber Sdn Bhd. The field trip was undertaken as a means to satisfy the requirement of the course “Fermentation Technology and Natural Product”. The trip which consisted of 44 students was supervised by the lecturer in charge, Dr. Rahmath Abdulla and was assisted by Dr. Mohd Khalizan Sabullah. We departed from UMS at 7.30 am and reached Beaufort around 9.30am. Beaufort Specialty Rubber Sdn.Bhd. is situated on 48.5 hectares of land, 8 km from the town of Beaufort, Sabah. To begin with, the students were informed about the rules and regulations of the company together with its history and achievements. They were also briefed on the process of rubber manufacture and was followed by site tour of the factory. The students gained industrial knowledge of the process of vulcanization, chemical modification, vulcanized and grafted rubber products and waste water treatment. The visit at the factory ended around 12.30pm with delicious lunch kindly provided by them at the factory cafeteria. A token of appreciation from UMS was presented to the company staff by Dr. Khalizan and was followed by the photo session. On the way back we stopped at the masjid for prayers and arrived safely in UMS at 4.30pm. The keenness of students to learn on something new together with the warm hospitality of the factory staff made this trip memorable with so many “eureka” moments.







