

UMS students for training in South Korea and Japan

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KOTA KINABALU: Twenty-five students, including six Sabahans from the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), will be conducting their outbound industrial training in South Korea and Japan this year.

These students, who are from the Faculty of Engineering (FKJ), will be completing their compulsory five-credit hour course.

Twenty-four of them will be placed in South Korea and one will be placed in Japan.

For the students who are going

to South Korea, their placement of attachment is mainly at the various distinguished companies and research institutes in Seoul and Daegu.

During the training, which will start on June 24, these students will be exposed to new and advanced working environment in developed countries.

It is understood that these students will have the opportunity to boost their confidence and enthusiasm, particularly in the engineering field.

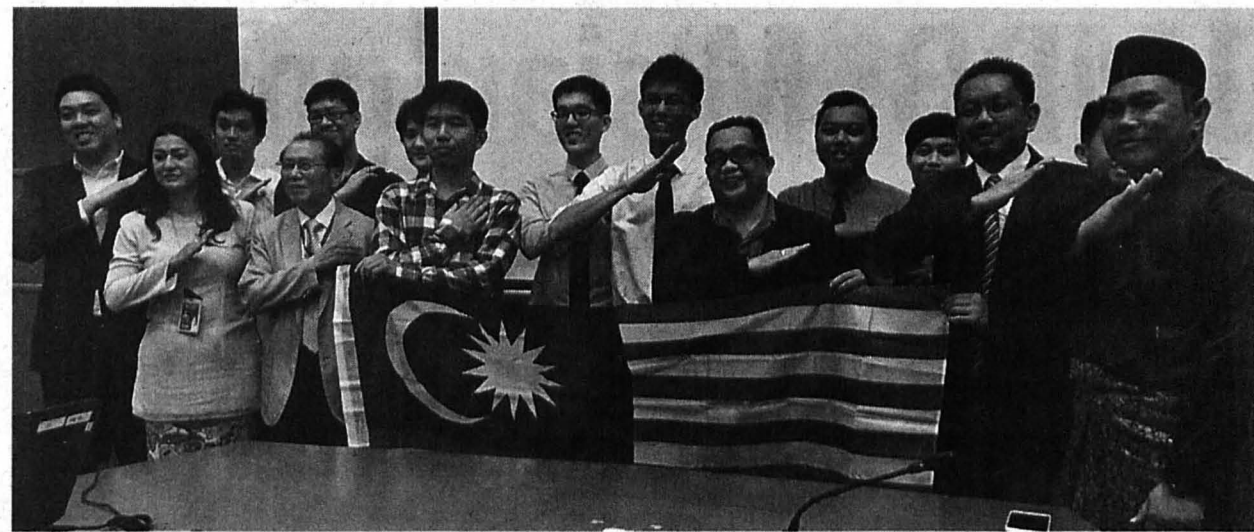
On top of that, they will have the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange, to absorb

the fast, efficient and effective working style, and to apply their expertise in an international working industry.

The training, dubbed the 'Joining Outbound Industrial Training' has been experiencing great success since its inception in 2015.

Just last year, a Sabahan-born student managed to secure a job offer to work in South Korea.

Compared to previous instalments, the number of students for this year's programme grew exponentially as the number has doubled compared to the number in 2016.



Ismail (middle) presenting the Malaysian flag to Yoong Choeng, marking the start of the 25 students' journey to South Korea and Japan.

Penang-born Ch'ng Yoong Choeng, a mechanical engineering student, said he had always been interested in studying abroad, particularly in South Korea.

"Basically, we have liaised with our professor and told him that we were interested in studying in South Korea, to explore the knowledge and technology there," said the third year student.

Yoong Choeng explained that he and his fellow course mates were required to have the level

of knowledge that was expected from them by the South Korean government.

"We have learned bits and pieces of the Korean language and we are ready to fly at anytime," he said.

He revealed that he and his course mates were expected to stay in South Korea and Japan for about ten weeks.

"For my case, I was asked to work in a research company. So I will be doing more lab work."

"For my friends who will

be working in a company, they will be more exposed to an actual "working environment". As for me, I will be dealing with hydrodynamic bearing," Yoong Choeng added.

He and his course mates were met at the 'Joining Outbound Industrial Training' preparation ceremony at UMS yesterday.

Also present in the event was Professor Madya Dr Ismail Saat, Deputy Dean of FKJ (Academic and International).