

# UMS receives visit from Nakajima Junior High School for International Cultural Exchange Programme

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The Faculty of Business, Economics, and Accountancy of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently received a visit from Nakajima Junior High School, Japan for International Cultural Exchange Programme with its students.

The Japanese delegation was led by Yasumasa Watanabe, the principal of the school, along with eight other staff and 43 students. The programme was organised by UMS Tourism Management Programme and Borneo Tourism Research Centre.

The programme chairman, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Awangku Hassanah Bahar Pengiran Bagul from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, designed the programme content for all the participants to understand more on Japanese and Malaysian culture using games and communication exercises.

In his welcoming speech, Hassanah thanked the Naka-

jima Junior High School delegation for participating in the international cultural exchange programme while also expressing his hope that the programme will be continued again next year.

"The programme will promote international learning and knowledge that could propel the students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives," he said.

He also anticipated that at the end of the programme, the students would develop a life-long friendship and foster enhanced interest in global issues as well as broader general knowledge.

Meanwhile, Watanabe expressed his appreciation towards UMS for providing the opportunity for the Japanese students to enhance their English conversation skills.

According to him, the school decided to come to Kota Kinabalu due to friendly locals and that visiting UMS is one of the highlights of their

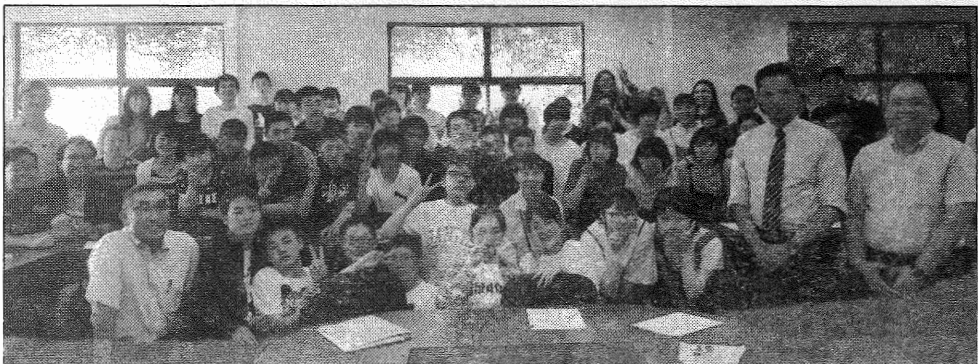


Watanabe

study trip.

Nurul Athiyrah Jamali, a final year student at the faculty, signed up as a volunteer for the programme as she wished to enhance her communication skills with foreigners while developing an awareness of group dynamics and personal sensitivity towards others nationals.

The programme was officiated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman Noordin, the Dean for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy at the MBA Seminar Room.



Raman (2nd right) and Hassanah (right) taking a group photo with the Nakajima Junior High School Japan delegation.