



Raman and Awangku Hassanal (both standing, right) with the Nakajima Junior High School Japan delegation.

Japan's school delegation visits UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) received a visit on Tuesday from Nakajima Junior High School, Japan for International Cultural Exchange Program with Universiti Malaysia Sabah's students.

The Japanese delegation is led by Yasumasa Watanabe, the principal of the school along with other eight staff and 43 students.

The exchange program was organized by Tourism Management Program and Borneo Tourism Research Centre, said program chairman, Associate Professor Dr. Awangku Hassanal Bahar Pengiran Bagul from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy.

Awangku Hassanal said they designed the program content for all participant to understand more on Japanese and Malaysian culture using games and communication exercises.

In his welcoming speech, Awangku Hassanal thanked the Nakajima Junior High School delegation for participating in the international cultural exchange program.

He hoped that the program would be continued next year.

He also said that the program would promote international



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Nurul Athiyrah

learning and knowledge that propels the students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.

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

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

The school decided to come to

Kota Kinabalu because of the friendly locals and visiting UMS was one of the highlights of their study trip.

Ms. Nurul Athiyrah Jamali, a final year student at the faculty said that she volunteered for the program so that she can enhance her communication skills with foreigners while developing an awareness of group dynamics and personal sensitivity towards other nationals.

The program was officiated by Associate Professor Dr. Raman Noordin, the Dean for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy at the MBA Seminar Room.