

UMS preparatory programme to Japan produces trained human capital talents

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KUALA LUMPUR,; Since its implementation 38 years ago, Universiti Malaya's Special Preparatory Programme to Japan (RPKJ) has produced some 8,000 trained human capital talents with excellent work ethics and noble values as practiced by the Japanese.

UM pro-chancellor Toh Puan Dr Aishah Ong said the values gained under the Look East Policy were later adopted by those working in the industrial sector and the academic world which indirectly could bring positive impact on the country.

"The practice can also improve the management and development of the country's public and private sectors and create highly-skilled, creative and critical thinking workforce," she said.

She said this at the Certificate Presentation Ceremony for the RPKJ 2019/2020 Session to 49 students who are eligible to pursue degrees at selected universities in Japan at the UM's campus here today.

Aishah also reminded all the selected students to work hard to graduate within the stipulated timeframe and return home to serve the country.

Meanwhile Japanese Minister from the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia Kaname Araki said the Look East Policy has been the central piece and symbol of the ever growing cooperation between Japan and Malaysia.

He said the cooperation not only continued for 38 years, but it has also been re-strengthened and revitalised under the new administration since Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was re-appointed as the Prime Minister in May 2018.

"We are truly grateful to the Malaysian Public Service Department which has always been the driving force in implementing the policy, and to UM's Centre for Foundation Studies in Science (PASUM), for playing a significant role as the supporting institution.

"To dear students...your 'senpai' or seniors have been playing important roles in cementing the bond of friendship between our two countries, and dedicating themselves to the development of Malaysia, now it is your turn to succeed them in creating a new chapter of bilateral ties between Japan and Malaysia.