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1 MALAYSIA BOOK VOUCHER (BB1M)

The 1 Malaysia Book Voucher or Baucar Buku 1 Malaysia (BB1M) is an initiative by the Ministry of Education to ease the financial burden for tertiary students in Malaysia, as well as enabling better success to books and stationery to help them with their studies.

Eligible students for the 1 Malaysia Book Voucher must meet the following criteria:
1) Malaysian Citizen
2) Be SPM leavers currently pursuing a higher education program in Matriculation / Form 6 / Polytechnic / Diploma / Postgraduate Diploma / Degree / Master / PhD
3) Vouchers are eligible for all fulltime and part time students
4) Be currently enrolled in institutions under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education or recognized by the Malaysian Qualification Agency

On 9th to 13th March 2015, MJIIT Administrative staff distributed the vouchers to 513 undergraduate and 386 post-graduate students. The vouchers can be used to buy academic books, journals and educational magazines at any bookstore participating in the 1Malaysia book voucher scheme. The vouchers can not be transferred to others, exchanged for cash or sold to a third party. The validity of the vouchers is from February 1st till June 30th, 2015.

DIALOGUE WITH MJIIT STUDENTS

The academic Department of MJIIT organized a dialogue session with MJIIT Students on 12 March 2015. The Electronic System Engineering (ESE) Department session was held in Dewan Utama, Menara Razak, Mechanical Precision Engineering (MPE) Department in Dewan Jumaah and Chemical Process Engineering (CPE) Department in Dewan Seminar, Menara Razak.

All session were coordinated by the head of the respective department. The event was started with briefing by the head of department followed by student feedback session. Finally, students were divided according to their respective academic advisor for a short meeting. During the event, students were required to fill the survey for MJIIT feedback purpose. - MJIIT Website
ROAD TO GERMANY 2015: PRECISION TECHNOLOGY

Between 1st to 9th April 2015, a group of 20 students from Mechanical Precision Engineering (MPE) went to Stuttgart and Munich, Germany under the Global Outreach Program. The program has achieved the goal of the university which is to produce students who are productive and able to think creatively and critically in accordance with the university motto; “Innovative, Entrepreneurial, Global”. The objective of the program is to globalize the student educational experience by adding an international dimension in their education.

We visited the University of Stuttgart, located in Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Germany. The university was founded in 1829, is one of the nine universities of the leading technical universities in Germany and is famous for its good reputation in the mechanical, civil, industrial and electrical engineering. In order to gain worldwide participations and exchange some of the knowledge, we introduced them the Educational Innovation of Motorsport and Automotive Race (EIMARace) program which is organized by MPE Department and later on we were introduced to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Program by their students whose participated in many SAE competitions.

We visited the Porsche, BMW Headquarters and Welt, Mercedez-Benz Museum and also Festo Didactic. It was such a great experience as the students had special treatment from the companies as the visit was official. We were accompanied by a tour guide from the companies visited. In the Mercedez-Benz Museum tour, students were exposed to an exhibition of about one hundred and sixty pieces of high quality automotive products from the beginning of its inception until the latest product.

Aside from the visit to the university and companies, students also went to several historical places around Stuttgart to gain knowledge about the history and culture of Bavaria. We then went to Allianz Arena, a very popular football stadium in Munich with a 75,024 seating capacity. We also went to Islamisches Zentrum München, known as a center of the Islamic community in Munich in the municipality 12 Schwabing-Freimann, as a part of our University Social and Responsibility program. During the night, we went to the city known as Marienplatz, the heart of the city of Munich with many historical views. Later we went to Olympia Tower, also known as Olympiaturm, with a height of 190 m. It has an observatory platform and also a small ‘Rock and Roll Museum’ housing various memorabilia. On the next day, we went to Deutsches Museum, the world’s largest museum of science and technology.

In Stuttgart, we went to Schlossplatz, the largest square in Stuttgart Mitte and home to the Neues Schloss which was built between 1746 and 1807, and also Ludwigsburg, a city in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. The city is located about 12 kilometres north of Stuttgart city centre, near the river Neckar. In this area, we visited Residenz Palace, built in 1385, the former palace of the King of Bavaria. It is the largest city palace in Germany and it has 130 rooms decorated with antique furniture and royal collections. There were also eye-catching places in the park near the palace, where we gave a show of our Malay and Japanese cultural dancing. It was a really nice experience where we saw that some of the visitors were interested to see our dances.

At the end of our visit, a 10 hours transit in Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris, gave us a chance to see the Eiffel Tower. The view was outstanding and the people were really nice too.

The overall trip was amazing. It was really nice to go toother places and learn new things. Full cooperation and contributions as well as moral support given by all parties has made the program successful. UTM has appreciated and gave their attitude for any assistance given either in the form of financial, physical or moral.

- Nadirah Izan
**EDUCATION AND CULTURE VISIT TO TOKYO, JAPAN**

On 10 - 18 April 2015, MJIIT students organized UTM Global Outreach Program: ChemPro for Education and Culture Visit to Tokyo, Japan (CEC@Japan ‘15). 20 CPE students participated in this official educational visit.

The objectives of the program were to visit to a few universities in Japan and foster collaboration in academic matters and cultural exchange with the institutions, develop soft skills such as leadership, communication, collaboration, and international affairs among the students, promoting UTM at international level, exposure for students on the application of chemical process engineering in education and research through university visit in Japan, to introduce the course of chemical process engineering in MJIIT to universities in Japan in promoting student exchange program and searching for chances of industrial training in Japan.

They were visiting Tokyo Institute of Technology, Edo-Tokyo museum, Tokyo Tower, Shinjuku Gyoen, Tokyo Universiti of Agriculture and Technology, Kajima Technical Research Institute Shibuya Incinerator Plant, Sensoji Temple and University of Tokyo while in Japan.

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**2015 NINGEN RYOKU: TEA CEREMONY LECTURE**

On 24th February 2015, *Ningen Ryoku: Tea Ceremony Lecture* was held at Jumaah Hall, UTM Kuala Lumpur between 3 to 5 pm. Tea Ceremony Class is a part of UMJG 2022 Ningen Ryoku: Professional Ethics, Safety & Health course for MJIIT students. The lecture was compulsory to the current semester registered students of the course from second year MPE students and first year CPE students and optional for second year ESE students. Ningen Ryoku means teaching how to strengthen human skills and capacity.

Previously, the event was held at the Japan Foundation Kuala Lumpur in November 2013. The main session was a Tea Ceremony Demonstration by members of Japan Club. As for 2014/2015 session, instead of having a demonstration a TeaCeremony Lecture was organized. The lectures were delivered by H.E. Masahiko Horie and Mr. Hafiz Othman from JICA Malaysia.

The format of the lecture were introduction by H.E. Masahiko Horie followed by DVD Viewing Session about the demonstration of the Tea Ceremony. Then, Mr. Hafiz continued with contents, introduction and concept explanation. The lecture ended with question and answer session.

Before the lecture, the students were required to read *The Urasenke Tradition of Tea*. During the lecture, H.E. Horie also shared a newspaper article from *New Straits Times* titled *Steeped in Tea Culture* which was published the day before. The article highlighted that the idea of Ningen Ryoku was from Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamed to make MJIIT students understand the Japanese culture and way of thinking through the tea ceremony.
**NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM**

We are pleased to announce MJIIT newly appointed Academic Administrators as follows:

**Prof. Dr. Noor Azian binti Morad**
Deputy Dean (Research & Innovation)
Date: 1 March 2015 - 28 February 2017

**Prof. Dr. Ezzat Chan bin Abdullah**
Deputy Dean (Academic)
Date: 1 March 2015 - 28 February 2017

**Prof. Dr. Fuminori Kobayashi**
Deputy Dean (Liason & Internationalization)
Date: 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2017

**Dr. Shahrum Shah bin Abdullah**
Head of Department
Electronic Systems Engineering
Date: 1 March 2015 - 28 February 2017

**Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Saiful Amri bin Mazlan**
Head of Department
Mechanical Precision Engineering
Date: 1 March 2015 - 28 February 2017

Congratulations on your appointment and very best wishes for the future.

Our Heartiest Appreciation goes to:

**Prof. Emeritus Dr. Takashi Yamamoto**
Deputy Dean (Liason & Internationalization)
Date: 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2015

**Dr. Shahrum Shah bin Abdullah**
Deputy Dean (Research and Development)
Date: 1 November 2012 - 28 February 2015

**Dr. Muhammad Kamal bin Mohammed Amin**
Head of Department
Electronic Systems Engineering
Date: 1 November 2012 - 28 February 2015

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aminudin bin Abu**
Head of Department
Mechanical Precision Engineering
Date: 1 November 2012 - 28 February 2015

Your continuous commitment and contribution to MJIIT is highly appreciated. - MJIIT Announcement

**STAFF RETIREMENT**

Until May 2015, there were 3 Japanese academic staff ended their duty at MJIIT. They are:

1) Prof. Dr. Toshio Wakabayashi (ESE) - 29 Sept. 2014
2) Prof. Dr. Shozo Komaki (ESE) - 31 Dec. 2014
3) Prof. Dr. Shoichiro Ikeda (EGT) - 7 Feb.2015

Their commitment and contribution to MJIIT is highly appreciated.

**NEW STAFF**

Since August 2014 until April 2015, there are 16 academic staff who commenced duty at MJIIT. They are:

1) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kenichi Yoneda
2) Prof. Dr. Yoshihide Yamada
3) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Koji Iwamoto
4) Prof. Dr. Minoru Yamada
5) Mr. Hiroyuki Ishizaki
6) Dr. Mohd Ibrahim Shapiai @ Abd. Razak
7) Dr. Mohd Fauzi bin Othman
8) Dr. Mariam Firdhaus binti Mad Nordin
9) Dr. Tan Lit Ken
10) Dr. Zahriddin A. Muminov
11) Dr. Kamyar Shameli
12) Dr. Shaza Eva binti Mohamad
13) Dr. Hairy bin Zamzuri
14) Dr. Jun Ishimatsu
15) Prof. Dr. Mikio Miyake
16) Prof. Dr. Osamu Mikami

**Prof. Dr. Minoru Yamada**
Professor (ESE)

I came from Kanazawa University. Kanazawa is a beautiful city facing to the Japan sea. I arrived in KL on 2nd September 2014. Already 9 months past after entering MJIIT. Still I meet confusion for difference between Japanese University and MJIIT. We really appreciate getting help from staffs in MJIIT.

**Dr. Zahriddin Muminov**
Senior Lecturer (MPE)

“I began my work in MJIIT in September last year. The MJIIT has good communication as Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) where I had two years post-doc position in. Here, I have found good opportunities to work, collaborate with the Malay-Japan expertise, to participate in seminars, and to apply of pure and applied mathematics ideas. Consequently, these items are pushing me to contribute to the well-being and development of the MJIIT through teaching, research and results, what help me to increase my background and skills. Hence, the MJIIT is shown more colorful and vibrant for me. That is why I am now very happy to be here.”
MJIT Leadership Lecture Series provides a platform for representatives from government and industrial circles to share their knowledge and experience. These lectures serve to motivate MJIT students to understand the social, cultural, global and environmental responsibilities of a professional engineer, and the need for sustainable development and that of managerial and entrepreneurial skills.

THE SECOND WAVE OF THE LOOK EAST POLICY
BY YB DATUK SRI MUSTAPA MOHAMED
Minister of International Trade and Industry

Leadership Lecture Series 10 was held on 26 February 2015 at Main Hall Menara Razak, UTM Kuala Lumpur. The title was The Second Wave of the Look East Policy. The lecture was delivered by YB Datuk Sri Mustapa Mohamed. In this lecture, he talked about initiative of the Second Wave of the Look East Policy and asked all the students of MJIT to study for the furtherance of innovative Malaysia to achieve Vision 2020.

Datuk Sri Mustapa Mohamed is current Minister of International Trade and Industry. He was the Minister of Higher Education before he took portfolio of the Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry in 2009. While he was the Minister of Higher Education between 2004 and 2009, he was a most ardent promoter of the idea of realizing the Malaysia-Japan International University of Technology (MJUT) where high level Japanese style education on technology would take place, which is culminated today as MJIT.
What is the Space Development? Future Space Development by Small Launch Vehicle  
By Mr. Atsushi Murakami  
Deputy General Manager, IHI Aerospace

Leadership Lecture Series 11 was held on 3 March 2015 at Dewan Kuliah 7, UTM Kuala Lumpur. The title was "What is the Space Development? Future Space Development by Small Launch Vehicle". The lecture was delivered by Mr. Atsushi Murakami. In this lecture, he talked about the prospects with the present conditions of the development and production of the Epsilon Launch System and, the space industry in the future.

Mr. Atsushi Murakami was a project manager of International Space Station Japanese Module in IHI Aerospace. IHI Aerospace is the developer of Exposed Facility of Japanese Module and a lot of Experiment Equipment under the contract JAXA from 2000-2010. He then moved to Sales and Marketing Department in 2010. Now, he is responsible to Sales and Marketing of Epsilon Launch Vehicle to oversea countries.

Main Activities

4th MJIIT Advisory Panel Meeting

The MJIIT Advisory Panel Meeting is an annual meeting chaired by the UTM Vice Chancellor and was attended by the appointed members including UTM Top Management, Ambassador of Japan, Representatives from the Ministries of Education in Malaysia & Japan, from Industry (Malaysia and Japan), the Japan University Consortium (JUC) and JICA.

The main purpose of this meeting was to present the progress of MJIIT for the whole year. The 4th MJIIT Advisory Panel Meeting was held on the 15th January 2015 at the Board Meeting Room, Level 17, Menara Razak to discuss about the progress report of MJIIT for 2014.

Congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aminudin bin Abu

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aminudin bin Abu has been promoted to the post of Associate Professor. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aminudin for this promotion.

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.  
Albert Einstein
**Establishment of ‘MJIIIT Reunion in Japan’**

‘MJIIIT Reunion in Japan’ was established as a platform to form a new friendship and academic and business relationship among people involved in MJIIIT including Japanese students, Japanese academic staff, and representatives from the government and industry.

Its launching meeting (The 1st General Meeting and Get-together of ‘MJIIIT Reunion in Japan’) was held on April 10th, 2015 at the UTM Satellite Office located at the Ambassador Lounge of Meiji University - Surugadai Campus. Mr. Kenichi Hukumiya, the president of Meiji University and Ms. Kae Yanagisawa, Vice-President of JICA attended the event. A total of 50 participants including former Japanese students who have been to MJIIIT as well as Japanese academic staff joined the get-together.

In the general meeting, Dr. Kinoshita (the president of this association and former Deputy Dean (Liaison and Internationalization) of MJIIIT and Mr. Horie (the acting president of this association and UTM Distinguished Ambassador at MJIIIT) gave warm greetings, followed by a briefing by Mr. Shibasaki on the purpose and activity of the association. The 2nd meeting was decided to be held in April next year.

In the get-together, Mr. Fukumiya and Ms. Yanagisawa also gave speeches. Mr. Fukabori from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology gave a toast. Japanese students who studied in MJIIIT talked about their experiences in their life and study in Malaysia. The get-together was a good opportunity for the Japanese students to interact and share their thoughts and experiences during their stay in MJIIIT. The organizers were happy with the success of the event and looking forward to the 2nd General Meeting next year.
**ACADEMIC VISIT BY TOCHIGI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Tochigi Senior High School was founded in 1896 and is regarded as one of the most prestigious public senior high school in Tochigi Prefecture. It was designated as Super Science High School (SSH) by the Ministry of Education in 2012. During the designated period of five years, they are expected to develop enriched curricula, teaching methods, and materials with a special emphasis on science and mathematics in cooperation with universities and research institutes.

As part of various program organized for this SSH project, they started a school trip to Malaysia and the first group visited MJIIT in January, 2014. As the previous visit was success, on 6 January 2015, Tochigi Prefectural Senior High School sent another group of 11 students, accompanied by 2 teachers, to visit MJIIT. The aim of visit was for students to recognize the importance of English language in scientific research and communication, creating awareness the significance of scientific knowledge for nation building as well as to share their research that has been conducted.

The visit started with welcome meeting and introduction briefing of MJIIT by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Takashi Yamamoto followed by laboratory and industrial museum tour. The event continued with presentation by visiting students and discussion with MJIIT Japanese academic staff and students. The visit ended with lab experiment at MEMo-Bio i-KOHZA accompanied with MEMO-Bio postgraduate students.

**DELEGATION FROM CHOSEI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

On 11th February 2015, TriPreM received guests from Chosei Senior High School. From a group of 12 students, three students were delegated into TriPreM to present their school projects.

The visit to MJIIT is part of a week-long trip to Malaysia, where the students from Chosei Senior High School visit various schools and tourism spots in Malaysia, exchanging knowledge and experience while broadening their horizons through inter-cultural exposure.

The students were very impressive in both their presentation skills, and the amount of effort that were put in their projects. TriPreM hopes that the students would continue to work hard to improve themselves even further.

The following is a quote from the description of Chosei Senior High School:

“One of the highlights of Chosei is the Super Science High School (SSH) program, which has been implemented here since 2010. SSH is a designation given to top-performing schools in the sciences by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology in Japan). Students study advanced topics in science. Some students have gone abroad to multiple countries to give scientific presentations and share scientific knowledge.” - Faidhi Radzi
On 2nd April 2014, MJIIT organized a career fair exclusively for third and fourth year students. The event was held at Jumuah Hall and Dewan Tan Sri Ainuddin Wahid, UTM Kuala Lumpur from 2 pm to 5 pm. 75 first batch undergraduate students of MJIIT are expected to graduate this year, 32 from MPE and 43 from ESE whilst 133 are third year students, 57 from MPE and 76 from ESE.

A week before the event, the students were required to attend career fair briefing. The briefing explained about the objectives of MJIIT Career Fair 2015 and preparation of attending interview session including tips of good resume.

The MJIIT Career Fair 2015 aims for exposure of students in job hunting. 74 MJIIT fourth year students, 88 MJIIT third year students, 182 MJIIT post-graduates and undergraduates students, 22 UTM students and 6 others attended this fair. The fair was also opened to public.

The career fair has two parts. Part 1 was orientation and part 2 was recruitment booth. The orientation was officiated by MJIIT Dean, Prof. Datin Dr. Rubiyah Yusof followed by sharing experience by two engineers; Tuan Haji Zamrose Mat Salim from Perodua and Mr Azrim Haizam bin Aznan from Hewlett Packard Multimedia Malaysia, Cyberjaya. The event was closed by Prof. Dr. Ezzat Chan, Deputy Dean (Academic).

As for recruitment booth, 28 companies participated. 26 of them were Japanese companies whilst the rest were local companies. They were Canon Electronics, Cypark Resources, Denso, Ecoprasinos Engineering, Hiro Food Packages Manufacturing, Hirose Electric, Hitachi Air Conditioning Products, Honda, IHI Corporation, JAC, JFE Engineering, Job Search Asia, JTEKT Automotive, Kaneka, Kokuyo, KYB -UMW, OMRON, Organo, Panasonic Group Companies, Pasona HR, Perodua Manufacturing, Renesas Semiconductor, Rohm-Wako Electronics, Sony EMCS, Taiyo Yuden, Tesac, Toray Group, and UMW Toyota Motor.
The Japanese Ambassador Tennis Cup Tournament 2015 Season 1

The Japanese Ambassador Tennis Cup Tournament was started in 2013 with the objective to increase friendship between MJIIT staff and to promote healthy lifestyle. This tournament has completed four seasons with each time different tennis pairs won the crown so far. There will be two tournaments each year and the former Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia His Excellency Mr. Masahiko Horie was kindly sponsored the prizes.

The Japanese Ambassador Tennis Cup Tournament 2015 Season 1 has just ended on 12th February 2015. The award handover ceremony has been delivered by the Dean of MJIIT and celebrated by many hardcore fans. The tournament witnesses’ underdog team Dr. Wira Jazair bin Yahya and Mohd Sallehin bin Abdul Jalil win over many reputable and experience teams. Their strategies and mind blowing spirit with the help of undeniable luck has booked their ticket to the podium.

The complete results for the Japanese Ambassador Tennis Cup Tournament 2015 Season 1 are as follows:

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<td>Mr. Masahiko Horie/ Mr. Yamada Sakae</td>
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“Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquillity.”

Billie Jean King
My name is Shoto Kamada from Meiji University in Japan. This time I’ve got so many experiences and learned a lot at MJIIT from 16th February to 30th March. This is the first time to go abroad for me. I’m really appreciate to get this opportunity. I would like to thank everyone for acceptance and giving me precious experience.

This is a first time to go abroad for me and everything was interesting and amazing. I had never thought that Malaysia has many huge buildings and much traffic and I can get so much stimulation. But I changed my mind after arrived in Malaysia. Every day, I couldn’t expect what will happen. I would like to write about my four remarkable experiences. Of course I enjoyed other things without them.

First, fortunately I could have met and asked my question to Minister Mustapa Mohamed. I have never had such kind of experience and it not happen often. I have the honor to have that opportunity and I had done it. At that time I thought a lot about. And after that, I've got an idea I need to learn about politics and history. I've focused on science subjects. It is important for me but it is not enough. If I don’t know about politics and history, I can’t get close with and understand somebody from abroad. I may be able to live with only narrow knowledge of science. But nowadays politics and human activity have strong connection. I have to recognize what is needed. I've got a thought that recognition makes me a better scientist. History also help me. I have history of myself. Japan, Malaysia and science subjects also have their own histories. And we can make new story with standing on the past. I think we can't make new thing out of historical flow. From this thought I noticed that everything we call subjects is concerned each other and we can't separate them easily. I don't think I need to know about every subjects but at least I have to know about common sense.

Second, I've learned how to make Malaysian food. I usually cook my meals in Japan. I've learned how to cook sushi from my grand farther so that give me great experience. My advisor Professor Anthony and his wife were so kind for me and gave me a chance to make dinner. I cooked sushi and they taught me how to make Malaysian meals. That was a kind of culture exchange. I can live alone in Japan even if I don't do cooking. But I like to make my foods by myself. That was just kind of my hobby but at this time unexpectedly it helped me to communicate with others. I reconfirmed the importance to know about our own culture. We need to “exchange” (not give and receive) something to get close with somebody. I could learned to make connection.

Third, I felt that strong Malaysia’s motivation to improve. I spent my six weeks in MJIIT. I saw so much equipment in MJIIT and there are many opportunities to do experiment. I guessed Malaysia focused on giving growth young generation. I read article telling that Malaysia government mentioned they want more engineers and I felt that atmosphere. I also felt Malaysia will grow bigger and stronger. Malaysia have a clear target and people who live in Malaysia seem to be trying to achieve that target. I think Japan have to learn such attitude from Malaysia. I can study without motivation in Japan but it can not give good result I need strong motivation to get good profit.

Fourth, I met many people and got many friends. I think friends are most important thing in the world. There are so many people from different countries in Malaysia. This is one of the best thing in Malaysia for me. I could be a friend with them because everyone who live in Malaysia as I know was so kind for me. I was stimulated from that. I think they will be people who working among the world and I want to also be so. Having friends abroad give me strong motivation to keep study hard and hope of future success. I get friend at once I will hear about friends even if I don't ask and also they will hear about me if we are doing well. I hope I and my friends can keep such a relation.

At the end, I greatly appreciate to have had this valuable experience I never forget at this time. There is so many unexpected things but they will get the most important and precious facts for me. I also thank my friends for spending time with me. I learned a lot from them. This time I didn’t have much time so I would like to go to Malaysia again to talk with them more.

Thank you all so much for helping my first experience again. I really have honor that of having spent blessed time in MJIIT.
Minasan Konnichiwa. Hello everyone. Let me begin by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to conduct my message. I didn’t expect to be asked to write an article, but it would make me very happy if readers can know even a little of me.

Almost 4 months have elapsed since I started working at MJIIT, but I’m neither a professor nor a staff. I’m a JICA (Japanese International Cooperation Association) volunteer on a two-year contract. My task here is to be involved in Japanese language education. The required Japanese language course used to have 2 hour only per week. However, it is not enough to learn to speak Japanese. That’s why 1 hour was added for communication training from this semester and now I’m in charge of this course. This is not learning grammar. Main target is to speak Japanese, so students practice conversation for each lesson.

In fact, I was just out of university last year and I worked at a Japanese language academy for 6 months. In other words, my education experience is short. It might be weakness. However, on the other hand, I have plus side that the students and I are close in age, so we can be more friendly. In my opinion, the most important thing in language class is that students can study it with fun. If they think the class is boring, their inquisitive mind might be turned off. Therefore, to become better acquainted it can be help to make class amusing.

In this semester, I have 7 classes per week. However, I never thought it was hard because I like spending time with students. In addition, when I see them using Japanese even after class, I am very glad that I’m their teacher. One day, a student came up to me and told me that my class is delightful. At that time, I felt the quickened beat of my heart and made try even harder for them.

Now students just have an opportunity to be exposed to using Japanese in a class. Although, of course, it is better than no chance, it is not enough to get familiar with the language. That is why I will be planning to prepare study-support environment and Japanese-cultural understanding outside the class. It will probably take your support to make the plan a reality. I ask for you cooperation at that time. In conclusion, I hope that my action in MJIIT will provide a valuable thing for all MJIIT students.
UPCOMING EVENTS

THE 9TH ANNUAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE FESTIVAL 2015

10 MAY 2015
at
Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIIT)
UTM KUALA LUMPUR

Activities:

a) Cultural Experience Workshops

About 60 workshops of 90 minutes will be conducted over 2 sessions. Prior bookings are required during online registration. Details will be uploaded on the festival website by March 25, 2014

b) Japanese Language Market

Participants may taste Japanese foods and have fun with some Japanese games. Japanese books and souvenirs are also on sale. There is a Japanese Language Bargain Sale Corner whereby the more Japanese you use the cheaper the price of the merchandise would be.

c) Japanese Language and Culture Competitions

There would be both individual and group competitions. Preliminary rounds are held for some competitions and winners will compete for the title during the closing ceremony.

Organized by:

"For last year’s words belong to last year’s language
And next year’s words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning."

T.S. Eliot’s Little Gidding