

# The report of the international internship at TATI University College (TATIUC) in Malaysia

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## 1. Introduction

I had gone to TATIUC in Malaysia between 18/Sep and 23/Oct with 7 Japanese exchange students from Mie University.

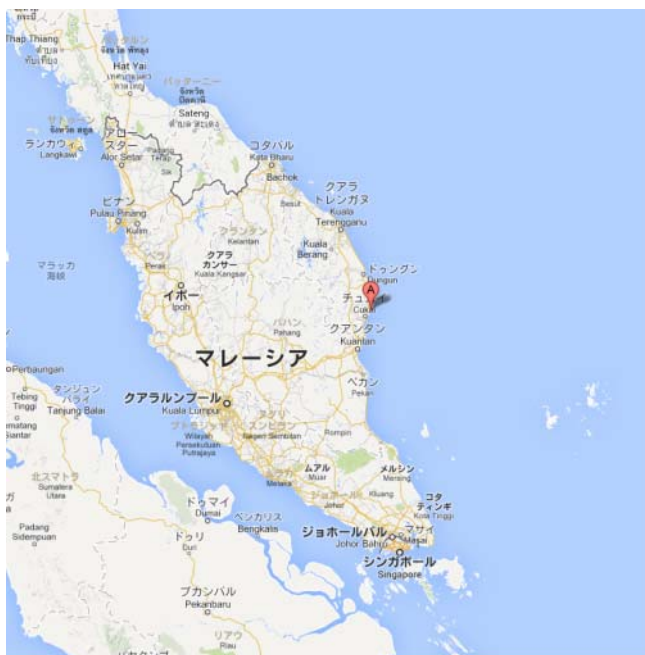
Initially, the purpose of the internship is study or working experience in overseas.

But, I was dispatched to a university and I couldn't get a kind of study project. So, my experiences are mainly cultural exchange and communication with local people.

In the following sections, I will explain to you about my experiences.

## 2. TATI University Collage (TATIUC)

I was dispatched to the TATIUC. It is in the south of Kuala Terengganu state, east coast of Malaysia. The location of mark 'A' is it in the following picture.





This picture is symbol of TATIUC.

I don't know what it means.

TATIUC is bigger than Japanese university despite it only has engineering department. As a peculiarity, there is gold course in its site. Because it is too wide, students use their moped or car to move in university. So, almost students have own vehicle. And they like it in particular men.

I stayed in the ITC hostel for a month. It is one of the dormitory in nearby TATIUC. And it has an equipment such as air conditioning, flush toilet and local network. So I lived in there comfortably.

TATIUC has not master course. So, its classes are very easy to master student like me. And, there is a difference in the quality of its facilities. Lab's facilities is very new and expensive. In contrast, classroom one is cheap and old.

People who lives in Kuala Trengganu are almost Malay. And they are Isuramu. Women wear religious clothes to hide their hair. And they go to mosque to pray sometimes.

In addition, I was troubled to contact with japan. Of course ITC hostel and TATIUC has wi-fi network. But it is very weak and disconnected frequency.

### 3. 1<sup>st</sup> week

In the first week of my internship program, the convocation fair and convocation day were held in TATIUC during a week, Of course I joined it.

The convocation fair is like school festival and it continued to convocation day. I felt the fair is bigger than Japanese one. For example, a car company had exhibited their products.

The convocation day is actually graduation ceremony.

The following picture is a graduate. Probably, he is a person who graduated in the day.



In addition, in part of the cultural exchange, I sang Japanese music like anthem in convocation fair. I was embarrassed and excited.

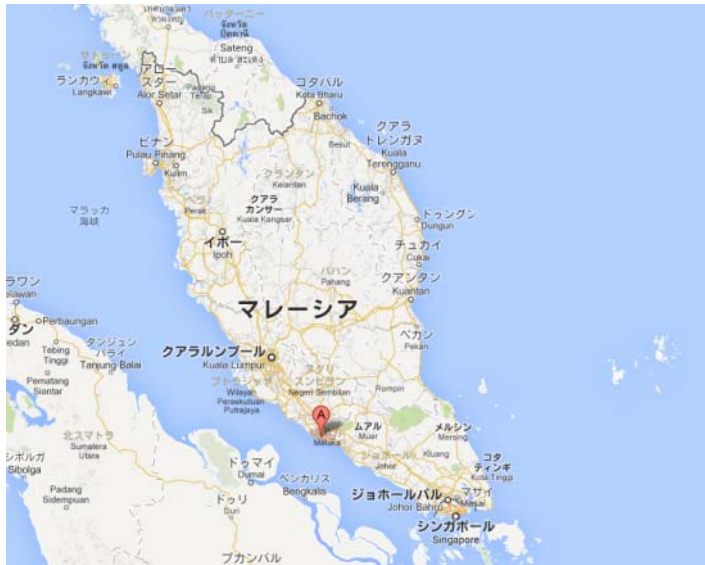
In exchange, many classes were canceled because almost teachers and students had to prepare and manage of those.

#### 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> week

In the second week, I went to Malacca where is in west coast of Malaysia with the Students of Manufacturing in order to join in the IPMA Race.

The location of mark 'A' is it in the following picture. 'Melaka' is Malaysian notation.

We stayed in there for a week. But, I and other Japanese students joined to IPMA Race only 2 days. In the rest days, we went to various places around Malacca city to sightseeing.



To Malacca, it takes 6 hours to move on inland by car.

It's the racing event of University and Technical Institutes of the whole of Malaysia.

The following URL is official site. You can see the detail.



(<http://ipmarace.blogspot.jp/>)







In the result, the TATIUC team got some prize. (1<sup>st</sup> prize of The Most Outstanding Team, 1<sup>st</sup> prize of The Race Championship and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of The Best Design & Innovation)

You can see the detail of it in following URL.

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B3i0nkQ9k3lPMjk5V0VIUnZMUVE/edit>





In addition, we went to some place to sightseeing.

For example, Mini Malaysia & Asean cultural perk

(<http://www.minimalaysiaasean.com/v1/>),

Old fortress and so on.

(<http://www.malacca.ws/attractions/a-famosa-melaka.htm>)

Below this, attach some pictures.

If you want to more detail, go to upper URLs.







Finally, we stayed in Malacca for a week.

Malacca's people is almost Chinese, not Malay. I felt that Malaysia is multiethnic country by this point.

#### 5. 3<sup>rd</sup> week

In third week, I went to Sekolah Menengah Sains Dungun which is secondary school in Dungun for cultural exchange with Japanese class students.

It is very bigger than Japanese one and equip dormitory, some sports fields, several school building, dining hall and so on.

They said me they want to go to abroad in order to study. So, they are studying foreign language such as Japanese or French.

Because Malaysia is developing country, Malaysian students study very harder than Japanese one.

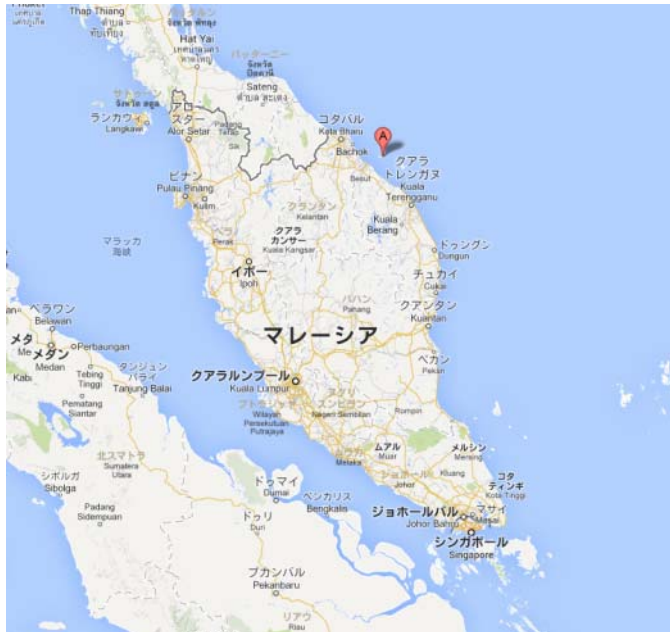
And, good student can get a large amount of scholarship from Malaysia government.

#### 6. 4<sup>th</sup> week

I went to Perhentian Island with other Japanese students.

The purpose is only sightseeing.





It place on north of Kuala Terengganu. It takes about 6 hours to move to there.

I played kayaking and snorkeling.

It was the first time to play snorkeling. And some accident occurred for me. For example, the rubber of equipment was cut and I was injured because I hit my foot to seabed.

This is so happy time for Japanese students including me. But, I worried that it was not internship I thought.





#### 7. 5<sup>th</sup> week

The final week of my internship program.

I went to the factory tour in BASF PETRONAS Chemicals

(<http://www.basf-petronas.com.my/>) with TATIUC students who major in chemical.

I felt that Malaysia promote chemical industry especially oil-related product on their national policy. On the other hand, information technology is still developing. I think that the internship to Malaysia is good to people who major in department of mechanical or biological.

#### 8. Other

In there, exchange student from Mie University is not only me. Many students went to there in the laboratory exchange in molecular material engineering and mechanical engineering.

The total of Japanese exchange student is 8 including me.

And therefore, I felt easy to stay in there since we can do together almost events.

But, I think it is not good for themselves because we consulted with each other in Japanese when we got stuck.

#### 9. Conclusion

Finally, there were some complaints, but I'm satisfied with the internship.

I hear some TATIUC students will come to Mie University in April of next year. I think that I will have to take care their lives in Japan.