

UBD, KAGAWA UNIVERSITY LAUNCH SUMMER MEDICAL SCHOOL PROGRAMME



Group photo of the participating students from Japan with Japan's Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Acting Vice-Chancellor of UBD and staff of the Institute of Medicine, UBD

By Sonia K.

The Institute of Medicine, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) held a ceremony for the International Summer Medical School Programme between UBD and Kagawa University, Japan yesterday at the Senate Room, Chancellor Hall.

Present as guest of honour at the ceremony was Mr Yoshinobu Nisaka, the Ambassador of Japan to Brunei Darussalam. Also in attendance were the Acting Vice Chancellor, Dr Hj Mohd Yusop bin Hj Awg Damit, UBD Principal officers as well as representatives from Kagawa University.

During the opening, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of UBD said, "I see this International Summer Medical School programme as a start of a long-term partnership between UBD and Kagawa University. Programmes such as this would be of mutual benefit to both universities as it not only allows academic exchanges but will also enrich the participating students in the different cultures of both Brunei Darussalam and Japan. I hope this collaboration will extend to other academic areas including research and staff exchanges, thus promoting cross-fertilisation of knowledge and expertise."

"There is no doubt that the foundations of a very strong bridge have already been laid out, and this programme will serve to further strengthen the ties between the two countries and institutions. I hope that other faculties can take advantage of this link and start exploring possible areas of collaboration with Kagawa University and other Japanese Universities," he further added.

Shahrimawati Hj Sharbini, lecturer from Institute of Medicine and chairperson of the organising committee also gave a speech during the opening where she detailed the background that led to the organisation of the programme.

In September 2005, a team from the Kagawa University Faculty of Medicine (KUFM) headed by Prof Hiroharu Igawa, M.D., D.Med.Sci came to Brunei to visit UBD to meet up with various parties to propose the possibility of an academic collaboration between Kagawa University and Brunei Darussalam (IMUBD). The



Mr Yoshinobu Nisaka, Japan Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam hopes that the summer medical school programme will be increased and further enhanced in the future

Japanese team visited various facilities at UBD as well as hospitals and health centres and places of cultural interest, she added.

The team comprised Professor Hiroharu Igawa, M.D., D.Med.Sci, the Director of the Inter-institutional collaborative programme between KUFM and IMUBD, Professor and Chair, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, KUFM, Dr Takashi Kusaka, M.D., D.Med.Sci, Assistant Director of the Inter-institutional collaborative programme between KUFM and IMUBD for Neonatology, and Assoc Prof Masahiro Uehara, the General Manager of the Inter-institutional collaborative programme between KUFM and IMUBD.

The Japanese team also had the opportunity to meet up with and present their proposal to the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. The proposed programme received encouraging support from the Minister of Health, Acting Minister of Education, Vice Chancellor of UBD and also the Ambassador of Japan to Brunei Darussalam.

To consolidate the proposal, a working visit was made to Kagawa University by a team from IMUBD comprising Dr Zulkarnain Hj Hanafi (Dean, IMUBD) and Shahrimawati Hj Sharbini (Lecturer, IMUBD).

The UBD delegation from UBD was joined by Dr Hj A'Andy POKSMDSP Hj Awg Abidin, and Director General of Medical Services, Ministry of Health.



Acting Vice Chancellor of UBD delivers his speech



Shahrimawati Hj Sharbini, lecturer from Institute of Medicine and Chairperson of the organising committee delivers her speech

SUAMPRIPAD wins Arabic Quiz

By NYL

THE Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit Arabic Religious Secondary School for Girls (SUAMPRIPAD) yesterday emerged champions after defeating the Brunei Islamic College in a bilateral Arabic quiz competition. The event was held in SUAMPRIPAD's main hall and attended by some 400 students and teachers.

During the event, 10 Form One to Form Five students from both institutions had to battle it out in a closely contested oral quiz. They were tested on their knowledge in Arabic Language and religious subjects like Tarikh Islam, Fiqeh, Tafsir Hadith and Tushid before the SUAMPRIPAD team achieved victory with a score of 118.5 points against 83 points for Brunei Islamic College.

The event was further enlivened by a 'tausyeh' performance by 10 form four and five students.

The principal of SUAMPRIPAD, Ustazah Datin Piah Hj Mohd Saat, was the chief guest at the function who later presented trophies and certificates to the winners and participants.

Organised by the Arabic Language and Mawwad Diniyyah Departments as part of their annual activities, the aims of the quiz were to enhance learning as well as increase the participants' knowledge in Arabic Language and religious subjects through healthy competition.



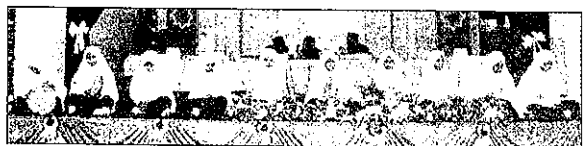
Participants from Brunei Islamic College (L) and SUAMPRIPAD (R)



Principal Ustazah Datin Piah presents a trophy and certificate to one of the winners



Some of the teachers and students present at the quiz



Students perform the tausyeh to enliven the occasion