ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (AMSEEP) MALAYSIA
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When I was first introduced to the Asian Medical Students’ Exchange Program (AMSEP), honestly it is just the greatest thing ever. Imagine, being able to travel and experience the other side of the world (medicine and non-medicine), alongside friends whilst getting the best out of the exchanging partner at a minimum cost, in the eyes of someone who had venture very little, this is a blessing indeed. However, the real luxury is this: having the privilege to be the face of my country, Malaysia and showcase to others what this beautiful nation has to offer.

I hereby, extend the invitation to all, to visit the truly Asia, Malaysia. With a hopeful heart, I wish that you would give her a chance and yourself as well, to experience the people, delicacies, songs, culture, and ultimately, the country as a whole.

I have faith that it will be a one of a kind journey that my team and I, will bring you on.
FOREWORD

I started out as both a delegate and a host in first year. Little did I know that I began collecting experiences of my own in venturing the means of igniting solidarity and unity with friends from various countries. We live in a world where the yellow brick road has many thorns and this often takes us on many incredible journeys - and for me, AMSEP was one of them.

Malaysia offers one of the best examples of unity in diversity among the nation. Apart from the amazing hospitality she has to offer, I believe the food here deserves a global recognition too!

Herewith, Cyena and I, present you our first publication together that illustrates only a small part of her, Malaysia, that has so much more to offer to you. I hope you enjoy this year’s edition of the Promotional Booklet as well as your stay here in my beautiful country.

Selamat Datang!

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Situated in the midst of the Asia Pacific region, Malaysia enjoys a strategic location and a year-round tropical climate. With 13 states, three Federal Territories and a population that currently stands at more than 32 million, Malaysia combines the best of Asia and is well-known for its diverse cultural landscape, which includes three of Asia’s oldest civilisations – Malay, Chinese and Indian – and the unique ethnic communities of Sabah and Sarawak. One of the world’s top holiday destinations, Malaysia is filled with a wide variety of unique attractions. Whatever your definition of a fulfilling holiday, Malaysia has all the necessary elements – pristine beaches and breathtaking islands, a rich tapestry of cultures and history, well-preserved heritage treasures, world-class modern facilities, a fascinating collection of flora and fauna, lush and well-maintained nature reserves, a delightful array of mouth-watering cuisine and a long list of shopping hot spots – Malaysia will leave you wanting for more. But do not just take our word for it. Come and discover the many wonders of Malaysia and peel the many layers of this fascinating country. Be prepared to be amazed, because there is just so much more to Malaysia than meets the eye.
A GLIMPSE OF MALAYSIA

BAHASA MALAYSIA
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

ENGLISH
2ND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

RINGGIT MALAYSIA (MYR)
CURRENCY

32, 271, 424
POPULATION (2020)

23°C - 32°C
TEMPERATURE

UTC+8 // GMT+8
TIME ZONE
A GLIMPSE OF MALAYSIA

Electricity
In Malaysia, the power plugs and sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 240V and the standard frequency is 50Hz.

Cultural Etiquette
Due to the predominantly Muslim culture, touching of the opposite gender is avoided. Besides that, both hands are used to give or receive any items as a show of respect. However, the right hand is frequently used for meals if using bare hands, as the left hand is considered to be reserved for bathroom purposes. Moreover, some may refuse alcohol, pork or beef due to religious concerns.

Attire
Formal attire is required within campus when attending academic sessions. You may dress casually out of campus though conservative yet loose clothing is highly encouraged. Shoes should always be removed before entering a Malaysian's host's home or any religious sites of reference.

Notable Laws
Control of Tobacco Product (Amendment) Regulations (2018):
Smoking is now prohibited in eateries and outlets that are air-conditioned.

Dangerous Drugs Act 1952:
Use or possession of drugs including, heroin, morphine, opium, cocaine and cannabis can result in punishments from whipping to imprisonment. For those found to be trafficking drugs shall be subjected to capital punishment.
NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS
Entry: $10,000 or equivalent
Exit: $10,000 or equivalent

PASSPORT
- VALIDITY
  Six months beyond date of arrival
- BLANK PASSPORT PAGES
  At least one blank page required for entry stamp
- TOURIST VISA
  Not required for stays less than 90 days

VACCINATIONS
Short-term tourist vaccinations for Malaysia consist of those against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Furthermore, those staying for longer periods will need to consider vaccines against a number of other diseases such as Rabies and Hepatitis B.
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Newcastle University

AMSEP MAHSA

Universiti Malaysia Sabah

MAHSA University
PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

9 International Medical University

10 Perdana University

11 Taylor's University

12 Universiti Sains Malaysia
PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

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HIERARCHY/STRUCTURE

2 NATIONAL DIRECTORS → 22 LOCAL DIRECTORS

[Logos of various universities and organizations]
ABOUT AMSEP MALAYSIA

HISTORY OF HOSTING

AS OF MARCH 2020

7 COUNTRIES HOSTED

AMSEP Malaysia has hosted countries namely Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, China, Thailand and Hong Kong. We look forward to having exchanges with other countries too!

** The numbers indicate the frequencies of exchange with each country.
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ASPECTS OF HOSTING

ACADEMICS
A minimum of 10 hours are allocated for a standard 7-day exchange, consisting of Problem-Based Learning (PBL) sessions, lab practicals and hospital visits.

SOCIO-CULTURAL
Beautiful beaches, colonial architecture, diverse culture and amazing food - you name it! Explore the variety of adventures and wonders here, in Malaysia.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
On top of that, delegates would be given the opportunity to reach out to the underprivileged in the aim of implementing the awareness of healthcare issues to the community.
Multitudes of Asian ethnicity have settled in Malaysia over centuries, forming their own special blends, distinct from their original cultures. The increasing globalization and imports from all around the world have continued to diversify the country. Each culture is expressed and celebrated harmoniously, creating a beautiful living atlas.

With the diverse cultures that have found a home in Malaysia, the traditional food has become one of, if not the highlight of a trip here. Even in ancient times, Malaysia was a designated stop on the world’s spice trade route. As a result, local foods bring together flavors from all over the world to create a special flavor here! Cuisines from all over still continue to flow through this meeting point of the world, so an Indian breakfast followed by a Nyonya lunch and a Malay dinner is totally doable.

The country has a lot to offer to its discerning tourists in terms of the beautiful islands, beaches, quaint towns, heritage sites, and adventure spots. Whether you’re looking for nature, architecture, relaxation, or adventure, these places will ensure you have a great holiday in Malaysia. So, make sure you visit all of these Malaysia tourist places on your next trip to the country if you wish to experience the best of what this nation has to offer!