

## Report of Program -"Malaysia-China Youth Exchange & Fellowship Programme (MCYEP)"

## Two UTM students go global, forging stronger ties between Malaysian and Chinese youth towards a more resilient and innovative region.

BEIJING, 10 Nov — Two students from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Eileen Khiu Xin Ying (Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying) and Oscar Ling Fang Jack (School of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering) have been selected from a few hundred applicants throughout Malaysia to be the delegates to the Malaysia- China Youth Exchange & Fellowship Programme (MCYEP) Cohort 2.

MCYEP was organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia and Secretariat by Centre of Research Advisory and Technology (CREATE) from 4<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> November in Beijing, China. 22 Malaysian delegates from different background, including political, educational, technological and healthcare participated in this programme. This programme aimed to nurture the future young leaders through the cultural and technological knowledge exchange with China.

A series of activities were conducted including the industrial visit to Alibaba Experience Hall, CRRC Tangshan Co., Ltd, institutional visit to Peking University, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, China Foreign Affairs University, and cultural visit to a few places of interest in China that are rich in cultures and history such as The Great Wall, Gubei water town, Forbidden City and Summer Palace.

During the visit to Alibaba Experience Hall, delegates were introduced to the core values of Alibaba Group besides exposed to the latest technology from Alibaba which are the Alibaba cloud, City Brain and Driverless City. It was fascinating to grab the chance to experience some of the smart products testing from Alibaba Group too, such as smart speaker (TmallGenie) and ticket vending machine which has just implemented in Shanghai Railway Station. In CRRC Tangshan Co., Ltd which is the biggest supplier of railway automotive in China, delegates were given an eye-opener experience to witness the manufacturing process of highspeed train in their factory as big 1.87 million square metres in Tangshan.

A golden opportunity was given to an exclusive dialogue with Professor Zhai Kun from School of International Studies of Peking University on the discussion of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Malaysia- China relationship especially in terms of future potential collaboration. Professor emphasized that China and ASEAN countries including Malaysia in fact can benefit from BRI greatly in five areas of focus namely policies consultations, infrastructure, trade promotion, people connectivity and financial cooperation in a long run via prompt involvement from the community and policy makers. During an interactive session with Professor Li Yang from Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, delegates get to know the working mechanism and rationales behind the internet especially in terms of big data marketing. Not only that, delegates also joined a discussion session by keynote speakers, Prof Pedro Vieira from Brazil on *China's role and position in a New World Order under the World-System Analysis* and Assoc Prof Paul Tembe from Africa on *A Community with a Shared Future for Mankind as a Paradigm Shift of a New World Order* with other prominent discussants from China.

MCYEP is a great initiative not only to empower Malaysia youths to further excel their field of study through industrial insights to China's advancement, at the same time it strengthens the Malaysia-China bond which can definitely allow a deeper and wider understanding from each other, culturally and technologically.

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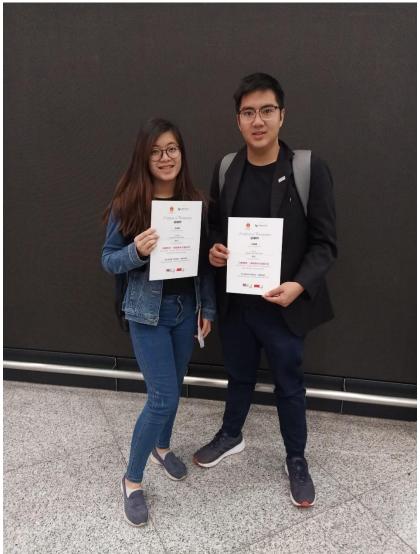


Figure 1: Eileen and Oscar have completed Malaysia-China Exchange and Fellowship Programme (MCYEP) 2019.

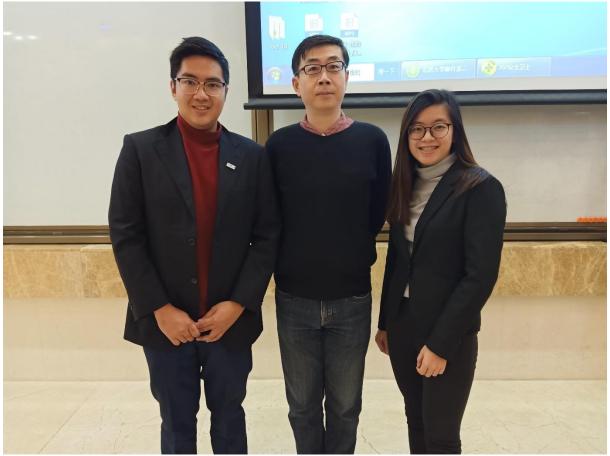


Figure 2: Discussion session on Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with Professor Zhai Kun from Peking University, China.



Figure 3: Ms Annabelle from Alibaba Experience Hall, Beijing explaining on current progress and status of Alibaba Group.

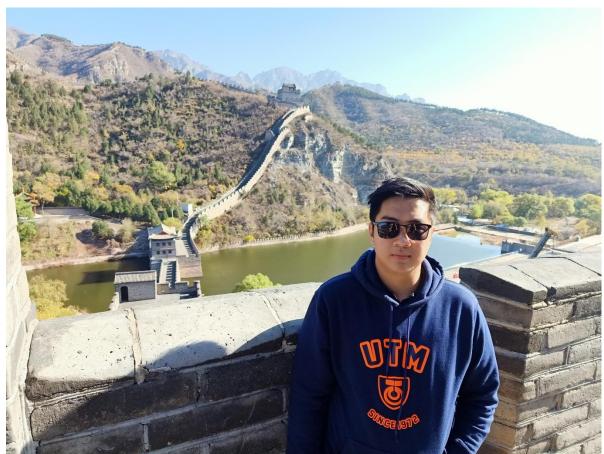


Figure 4: Visit to The Great Wall.



Figure 5: Visit to Gubei Water Town.



Figure 6: Heart by heart, hand in hand gestures.



Figure 7: Visit to Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business.