

INTERVIEW SERIES WITH ALUMNI OF
'LOOK EAST POLICY'

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**Tell us about your
study in Japan**

I studied at Nagasaki University Economic Faculty, major in Business Management from 1989 and graduated in 1993. I was so lucky since I had 3 seniors from Malaysia to guide me on how to live and survive in Nagasaki and at the university.

**What surprised you in
Japan?**

Sincerity and kindness of the Japanese people made foreign students' life easier. For example, my Japanese friends always attempted to communicate with foreign students using simple Japanese so that we could easily understand which I felt very welcomed. Also, the shopkeepers in Japan were very thoughtful and kind. They gave me suggestions on what ingredients and how much to buy so there is no waste of food, and they offered free delivery to my hostel.

The trust built between shopkeeper and customer made their service very friendly and convenience.

As a Muslim, it's almost difficult to find halal meat during that time in Japan. So I ate mostly vegetables and seafood. However, one day, a butcher approached me and offered to take me to his slaughterhouse and offered to let me slaughter a chicken the Islamic way so that I would have meat to eat. I was deeply touched by his kindness.

Look East Policy & you

I have learned Japanese competitive thinking and the discipline in order to become a developed nation (country & people). I am practicing and implementing Japanese management system in my job, which works well and has led to many successes.

Your favourite:

Person

- Mr. Yatabe Reio
(Japanese Social Science Lecturer in AAJ,
Universiti

- Ms. Morinaga Haruno
(Lecturer in Nagasaki university)
- Mrs. Taguchi Akiko from Oshima-Cho
(my Okaasan in Japan)
- Mr. Kitamura family from Saikai-Cho
(retired school teacher who had taught me a lot of Japanese culture and history.)
- Mr. Fukuki Toshifumi
(Chairman, Federation of World Youth Nagasaki)

Place

- Shin-Nagasaki Fisherman port in Togitsumachi as I can always see the fisheries technology in practical and active activities between the fishermen and fish monger.
- Nagasaki harbor in Ohato-machi– as I can oversee the heavy industry factory of shipbuilding and Nagasaki city paronama view.

Food

- Sushi
- Fish boiled in sos (煮付け魚)
- Fried chicken

Customs

The Japanese values of respecting others' will make our friendship stronger with a deeper understanding of each other. We will then be able to better understand everyone we meet.

Future Malaysia & Japan

I think the future of Malaysia and Japan is very bright with strong relationship and co-operation between government, industries, citizens and its economies. There are many similarities and meeting point, as we are sharing almost the same cultures and ideas.

Japan has many advance ideas and technologies; which is easy for Malaysian to understand and put in practice. This collaboration will make the ideas become more attractive and innovative for further advancement.

Additional

I sincerely look at Japan Malaysia cooperation to be much closer under the Look East Policy with broader coverage. The global are moving towards high technology in industry and lifestyle, which this cooperation will become more important in making continous development, creating value on its rich culture, knowledgeable nation and competitiveness.



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