

INTERVIEW SERIES WITH ALUMNI OF
'LOOK EAST POLICY'

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Tell us about your study in Japan

I was in Japan for 9 years (2001-2010).

I studied Electrical & Electronics Engineering at Yamanashi University for degree, master and PhD.

What surprised you in Japan?

I arrived in Tokyo, Japan end of March, 2001. I was told that the season is spring and expected there will be Sakura flowers blooming. It was a surprised because there was hardly any flowers as it is still cold and I'll have to wait another month to see Sakura.

Look East Policy & you

Learnt Japanese competitive thinking and the discipline to become a developed nation (country & people). I am practicing and implementing Japanese management system in my job, it works and had made many successful achievements.

Your favourite:

Person

- Ms. Yamamoto (manager at international hostel)

Place

- Sushi-ya

Food

- Sushi

Custom

- New Year
- Ekiden (marathon)

Future Malaysia & Japan

I think the future of Malaysia and Japan is very bright with strong relationship and cooperation 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 advances 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

Recent trends have been many Malaysian has been visiting Japan. The halal brochure/ map provided by the municipal council or state has made this easier for Malaysian Muslim to navigate their travel in Japan.

