

INTERVIEW SERIES WITH ALUMNI OF 'LOOK EAST POLICY'

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Tell us about your study in Japan

My name is Mohd Hafidz Bin Ahmad Adlan from Ipoh. I studied at Tokyo Denki University majoring in Electronics and Computer Engineering. I lived in Japan for about 7 years. After pursuing my degree for 3 years, I worked in a Japanese company as an Engineer.

What surprised you in Japan

What surprised me was how clean the Japan is. It is very hard to find rubbish even though there are few rubbish bins around. I think this is because the Japanese has the awareness that are rubbish belongs to oneself therefore everybody must take the responsibility to make sure rubbish are thrown into the dustbin. This kind of awareness makes Japan very clean. I had gained a lot of experience while working at a Japanese company in Japan. One thing I would like to share here is, the mindset setting between Japan and Malaysia when conducting an improvement (kaizen). For Japanese, they always start the improvement from small things. For Malaysians, we have a tendency to start the

improvement on things that will have big impact, and sometimes we ignore small thing that might need to be improved first. Yes, off course both ways have pro and cons, and from POV of a Malaysian who was working in Japan, I think, it is easier to continue the kaizen activity if we start doing improvement from small thing. Thus, will cultivate and motivate others to also start doing kaizen.

Look East Policy & you

I am grateful that I have benefitted a lot from LEP. I was able to learn Japanese language, and experienced the tradition, culture and environment. When I came back to Malaysia, I can share all the experience I gained in Japan with others.

Your favourite:

Person

Tagawa Senpai. He is my senior during my degree studies, who is a nice and easygoing person. He helped me a lot in my final year project and also guided me to secure a job in a Japanese company.

Place

Saitama prefecture which I studied there for 3 years and worked there for 4 years. My first son was born there. Saitama has different unique hotspots to visit during autumn and spring season.

Food

I like tendama soba. The most delicious tendama soba I ate was at Akihabara station.

Future of Malaysia & Japan

We are Asians, in terms of culture there is not much different. Now we have almost 20 thousand graduate students from Japan, we can strengthen the relationship between Malaysia and Japan.

