

## INTERVIEW SERIES WITH ALUMNI OF 'LOOK EAST POLICY'

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### Tell us about your study in Japan

I was a student in Japan and I studied in Toyohashi University of Technology. Toyohashi is situated near to Nagoya city. I did my doctoral study in Mechanical Engineering and I stayed in Japan for about three and a half years.

### What surprised you in Japan

One of them is the nature in Japan. I am a nature lover and in Japan I can experience the four beautiful seasons. Each season has its own charms. During spring, for example, there are beautiful cherry blossoms and during autumn, the leaf changes colour.

### Look East Policy & you

I was given the opportunity to continue my doctoral studies in Mechanical Engineering. Apart from being there as a student to gain knowledge and to learn about technology, I was also given the chance to study Japanese language and gain experience in Japanese culture.

### Your favourite:

#### Person

In Toyohashi, there is a small community of Malaysians. In addition to the Malaysian community, I have also met Japanese friends and other students from different countries in my university. During my stay, I had the chance to experience Japanese culture as well as different cultures from around the world.

#### Place

Kyoto, because for me, Kyoto is one of the many beautiful places in Japan. Kyoto is known for historical places and structure, cultures, castles, gardens and bamboo forest. During spring season, we can enjoy the white and pink cherry blossom around the city.

#### Food

One of my favourite Japanese food is sushi. There are many varieties of sushi that we can choose and they are easy to find during my stay in Japan. Apart from sushi, I also like Sakura-ebi soba which can be eaten hot or cold and this soba is quite famous in my area.



## Custom

- ◆ During my stay in Japan, I have the chance to experience different culture and traditions such as tea ceremony. There are also many festivals in Japan. During the summer season for example, I like to watch fireworks during the night (Hanabi festival).

## Future of Malaysia & Japan

The program where Malaysian students are given the opportunity to continue their studies in Japan should be continue and other similar programs can be introduced for knowledge, skills, learning and technology transfer.



Yellow leaves in autumn



Sakura-ebi soba and unadon