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# UiTM and University of Toyama's International Online Exchange Project: A Journey of Knowledge and Collaboration

The International Online Exchange Project was launched in March 2021 and is still ongoing. It is a remarkable initiative aimed at enhancing students' knowledge and expertise in Sustainable Development and Data Science. This project brought together young minds from primary and middle schools in Malaysia and Toyama, Japan, under the auspices of the Faculty of Education, University of Toyama.

This collaboration between elementary schools in Malaysia and Toyama has grown into a vital educational exchange, supported by the Faculty of Education, University of Toyama, and the College of Engineering, UiTM Shah Alam. The primary objective is to elevate students' understanding of sustainable practices and data science applications in their respective educational contexts.

Over the span of three months, Assoc. Prof. Dr Marfiah Ab. Wahid, advisor of the schools in Malaysia, was invited as a researcher and engaged in intensive research to identify and improve the current practices within the project. Her dedication to this

goal was exemplified by her involvement, her extensive experience in STEM and SDG-based learning in environmental engineering, and her crucial role in guiding the project's success. The University of Toyama demonstrated its commitment by providing her with substantial support, amounting to 300,000 Japanese Yen (approximately RM10,000), covering travel expenses and a portion of living costs in Toyama.

Key research collaborators, Prof. Hiroyuki Okazaki and Prof. Emeritus Dr. Yoshinori Naruse from the Graduate School of Teacher Training, University of Toyama, were instrumental in facilitating the project's smooth execution. Their expertise and guidance ensured that the collaborative learning among the students from Malaysia and Japan was both rigorous and impactful. This exchange project not only enhanced students' academic skills but also fostered a deeper cultural understanding and international cooperation. The collaborative

efforts of both institutions have set a precedent for future educational initiatives, highlighting the importance of global partnerships in addressing academic and environmental challenges.

This program stands as a testament to the power of collaborative learning and the shared commitment to sustainable development and technological advancement. Through this initiative, students have gained invaluable insights and experiences about global issues and sustainable actions.



In picture: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marfiah Ab.Wahid and Prof. Shigeru Saito, President of the University of Toyama (Front), Prof Hiroyuki Okazaki and Prof. Emeritus Dr. Yoshinori Naruse



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