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Academic Trip to Langkawi

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Briefing on the purpose and expectations of the visit



Encik Muhamad Hussainy bin Suid, Head of Department Operation & Customer Relation Management giving his briefing on the products of Panorama Langkawi



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An academic trip funded by TAPA was organised for 32 Bachelor in Administrative Science (AM228) 5D students from 8th to 11th November, 2015. As the lecturer teaching this subject, I challenged this group to manage an actual project from the beginning till the end. This also means being involved in the organizational structure set up, work breakdown structure and other related features of project management such as the use of the Project Management software that must be monitored weekly. After much discussion, Langkawi was decided as their class project destination and the project was to be evaluated. A few programmes were planned for this trip, such as briefing with the Panorama Langkawi team, sightseeing in the SkyCab and SkyBridge, visiting MARDI Langkawi Agro Technology Park and Haji Ismail Group (HIG) Complex. The Project Leader, Kenneth Jarin was assisted by his team members and each group was headed by one leader.

This trip with the theme "Towards a Holistic, Entrepreneurial and Competitive Graduates" emphasised on learning and understanding how the theories in Project Management are applied in the real world. The students were to apply what they had learned in class for the past few months in all the activities during this trip. One of the most significant visits was the Panorama Langkawi's very popular tourist attraction at Mount Machinchang. After two hours of briefing, the students were given the opportunity to take a ride on the cable or Skycab and after that they took a stroll at the SkyBridge. The Skycab is the steepest cable car ride on earth and takes visitors up 708m above sea level to Langkawi's second highest peak of Mt. Machinchang, where the view of the surrounding islands is simply breathtaking. Visitors can enjoy great views of the hillside flora, waterfalls and occasional glimpses of the wildlife and birds.

Without doubt, it was not an easy task to ensure the success of this project. All team members did their best as they had to make contacts with representatives in Langkawi. Indeed, all the students were assigned different tasks for the project. Although all the team members had other priorities in terms of their assignments and other university's activities, they still made time to organise this project.

To sum up, this project was a huge success. It was a success because everyone who was involved directly or indirectly played their part well. Even though there were a few difficulties in the process of organizing this project, with God's blessings and the strong will of all those involved in this project, we were able to overcome all the difficulties. Nonetheless, this project really taught the group a lot of things especially in terms of how to apply project management knowledge. However, the most important knowledge that they learnt was teamwork and friendship because without these, this project would not be implemented successfully. Overall, this project was a success because of the people who had worked hard. Well done, team!!

Students enjoying the view from the curved pedestrian bridge built atop Mt. Machinchang about 700m above sea level. Accessible from the Top Station, the bridge is suspended from a 82m high single pylon and hangs at about 100m above the ground. It swings out over the landscape to give visitors a unique view of the surrounding area



A group photo upon arrival at Panorama Langkawi



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