

Junior Team Canada Group Visits UCSI



Junior Team Canada with the Student Affairs Department of UCSI

The Junior Team Canada (JTC) group paid UCSI a visit on 28th August 2007. JTC, a group of university students drawn from all over Canada, has missions that require them to travel to foreign markets, meet with industry players, its government, and its community and youth leaders. They explore global issues and business opportunities to promote cross-cultural understanding and private sector development.

The reception and briefing on UCSI was held at the boardroom. Presentations were done by Assoc. Professor Lachman Tarachand, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Student Council committee members. This was followed by introductions and presentations by the various representatives of JTC. For lunch, the JTC group was served with a spread of the local cuisine. During lunch, the group mingled with the UCSI representatives and exchanged ideas, forwarded questions and answers. The JTC was led by Ms. Amy Clifford.

Corporate Communications managed to interview two of the JTC members. Jennifer Sarumi a Nigerian now residing in Canada from Carlton University, Ottawa, Ontario said that she knew very little about Malaysia. Her knowledge was limited to the briefing she had before leaving for Malaysia. Andrew Chau the other JTC member interviewed wrote back through an email:

Kuala Lumpur is a beautiful city with modern architecture. With the distinct racial divides within the country (Chinese, Indian, and Malay), it is interesting how each culture has worked its way to become somewhat harmonious, contributing to Malaysia's prosperity.

The huge architecture, especially the Petronas Twin Towers (which are magnificent!), the both old and modern mosques, and KL's continuous effort to become the best impresses me. The night market was a wonderful experience. I truly enjoyed bargaining and being able to walk around and see many people. Although my stay in Kuala Lumpur was quick, those were my experiences.

For USCI, the university was unbelievably welcoming! The fully windowed doors and walls presented a feeling of openness as you can easily see inside the main foyer. The room that we were in doing our presentations was a new sight for me--my University back in Saskatchewan does not have tables with microphones at each seat. The food was great and the people we met were energetic and fun. Before coming to Malaysia, I did not expect Malaysians to have very good English - boy was I ever wrong. All of the students had fluent English and they were very aware of our culture here in North America, whereas I myself did not know a lot about Malaysia before coming. Those were my first impressions.

-Andrew Chau
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Andrew Chau of Junior Team Canada giving a brief introduction of his university



The whole Junior Team Canada at the Boardroom