

Kansas University Choses Malaysia Again as Key International Itinerary for its Architectural Study Tour 2020



Skudai, 4 January, 2020 - Malaysia has been a key destination for Kansas University (KU) of Lawrence USA for its Architectural Study Tour Programme since 2013. The University's fifth visit to the country had commenced from 4th to 11th of January 2020 with the participation of 39 students and two faculty members. According to KU Architecture Head of Study Visit Programme, Associate Professor Dr. Kapila Silva, Malaysia is a fascinating architectural destination due to its rapid development whilst rich in culture. In this regard, Malaysia had contributed several places of interest for the visit, which overall had also included Singapore and Japan.

ISI, supported by the Department of Architecture, Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, hosted the Kansas University's delegation for the Tour that extended over a period of 8 days 7 nights while covering renowned architectural sites across Johor, Melaka, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Selangor.

The Director of Malaysia Architectural Study Tour for ISI UTM, Associate Professor Dr Khairul Anwar Mohamed Khaidzir, had underlined the importance of such visit in terms of international visitors appreciating Malaysia's unique places and cultures by way of experiencing through architecture. This enabled them to comprehend Malaysia's unique historical and cultural development as characterised through the architectural domain that underwent the formative phases of modernism (1955-1970),

postmodernism (1971-1990), and the era of globalisation and rapid urbanisation (1991- 2019).

The Architectural Study Tour 2020 had provided the visitors an immersive overview of the characteristic Malaysian Architecture by highlighting how the the latter's various adaptive responses and innovative interpretation to the built environment had affected traditional expressions in architecture, informed award-winning modern and iconic architecture, and generated environmental-friendly habitats.

Inaugurating the Tour on the first day were building visits to Architect Razin's Denai House in Kempas, Johor and Datuk Dr Haji Rudin Salinger's Rudinara House. At the end of the Tour, our visitors were served a memorable farewell dinner and ceremony at the Atmosphere 360 Revolving Restaurant in Menara Kuala Lumpur (KL Tower).

The Malaysia Architectural Study Tour Programme reflects a strong commitment by ISI and Kansas University (KU) Architecture Department in fostering strong academic and socio-cultural ties and in promoting effective learning mobility through international visit. The current visit had enriched KU Students and Staff of the Malaysian experience from the Architectural standpoint, thus further increasing their understanding especially of other cultures, communities, and languages.

14 UTM Lecturers Participate in the Revit Structure Certified Professional Course



Johor Bahru, 23 January 2020 - 14 lecturers from the School of Civil Engineering (SKA), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia attended the Autodesk Revit Structure Certified Professional Course from 19 to 23 January 2020 at the Computer Room, Block M50, School of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. This course was first held in Johor after ISI announced the reopening of the Autodesk Training Center (ATC) Johor Bahru in October 2019. Our Executive Director, Prof. Dr Syed Ahmad Iskandar was committed to championing sustainability through technology to produce more experts who support the Malaysian Industrial Revolution 4.0. ISI also has borne some of the costs of participants in the workshop.

On the last day of the 5-day course, participants who completed the course and passed the examination were awarded the Autodesk Revit Structure Professional Certificate which was presented by our Deputy Director 1, Associate Prof. Dr Khairul Anwar bin Mohamad Khaidzir. The course was organized through ISI's subsidiary, ISI Ventures Sdn Bhd, who operates the UTM Autodesk Training Center which is one of the pioneer ATC centres in Malaysia that conducts training for professional certifications in computer software-based modelling. Mr Muhamad Ridhwan, business development executive for ISI Ventures, was very pleased with the success of the participants and welcome participants for the Autodesk Revit Structure course program as well as other Autodesk courses offered such as AutoCAD, Autodesk Revit Architecture, Navisworks Manage and Civil 3D. Those who are interested can contact him at 03 2615 4713 or email ridhwanahmad.kl@utm.my

Farewell, Dr Noorazizi



Kuala Lumpur, 30 June, 2020 - We would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a dedicate member of management, Ir. Ts. Dr. Noorazizi Bin Mohd Samsuddin who was the Head of Training, Events and Professional Development at ISI Kuala Lumpur.

He is also an academic member at the Engineering Department, Razak Faculty of Technology and Informatics, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

