Transcending nationalities, religions

UNIVERSITI Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) has a wide variety of niche academic offerings in both its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. One example is UNIRAZAK’s MBA in Global Islamic Finance offered by its Graduate School of Business, the first of its kind in Malaysia. UNIRAZAK’s MBA in Global Islamic Finance is unique in that it is the only one in Malaysia, and perhaps in this region. Additionally, this programme is offered under a partnership consortium known as IBSA (International Business School Alliance) consisting of seven universities, namely, University of Westminster (UK), Hochschule Bremen (Germany), Euromed Marseille (France), Universitat De Valencia (Spain), Academy of National Economy under the Government of Russian Federation (Russia), Cameron School of Business UNCW (US) and Universiti Tun Abdul Razak.

Students of UNIRAZAK’s MBA (Global Islamic Finance) have the choice of spending one semester in a foreign university, and vice versa. Four students chose to come to Malaysia and interestingly, only one of them is Muslim, showing that Islamic Finance is becoming more accepted on an international level and that interest in the subject is increasing strongly. Abrianzyah Harahap is from Indonesia, where his family runs a business in Jakarta. After studying in Germany he had the choice of continuing his studies in the US or Malaysia. UNIRAZAK’s Global Islamic Finance programme is especially interesting for him as it is a new field, which gives him the motivation and so on.

Fabiola Nava Carrera is from Mexico where she obtained her bachelor in international trade and was in Germany for the first part of her MBA. Her initial reason for coming to UNIRAZAK was to experience Malaysian culture, and she has also developed a passion for Islamic finance.

All four students said that their experiences in UNIRAZAK have been enjoyable and that with the professors’ friendly assistance and professionalism, it has not been difficult to understand Islamic finance. The professors are well educated and have plenty of industrial experience, knowledge of the subjects they teach, and how the subjects relate to others. At the same time, the students said the professors made the subject challenging and made them want to learn more. Unfortunately for three of them, their time here is short as they will be leaving in July; the exception being Olga, who will stay on to continue her studies and her project paper.

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