Leadership course takes UniRazak grad Down Under

BACHELOR of Business Administration student Noraini Rusbadrol of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak), one of Malaysia’s leading private universities in innovation, leadership and entrepreneurship, recently took part in a student leader programme in Australia. Organised by the Ministry of Higher Education, the trip involved 21 student leaders from 21 local universities in Malaysia which exposed them to the Australian culture, academic aspects and provided an opportunity for them to interact with the international community.

The programme, from Jan 11 to 16, took place in Sydney and Canberra.

The students visited three universities in Sydney and Canberra, namely the Australian National University (ANU), University Technology Sydney and University of Sydney.

ANU is the highest-ranked university in Australia.

It is a distinctive and distinguished university because it is both academic and research intensive and is ranked among the world’s most prestigious universities.

“We observed that there were no fences or gateways surrounding the university, which is totally different compared with public universities in Malaysia,” said Noraini on her return.

“This is owing to ANU’s culture of exposing its students to an open social life with the community. Indirectly, it stimulates the students’ way of thinking and gives the impression that the university is part of the community.”

Additionally, the students went to one of Australia’s largest and most innovative environmental management companies, Veolia Environmental Services.

Veolia has an intense focus on managing waste and generating power using waste. The company is recognised as producing one of the best management systems in the world where their modern technology transforms waste to methane gas that can generate hydro-electric power.

“The company’s ability to manage waste and generate revenue through waste should be emulated by our country,” added Noraini.
By visiting the High Commission of Malaysia, Australia (HCMA) the students were given an opportunity to get to know their role as our country’s representatives in Australia. Same goes to the Consulate of Malaysia in Sydney. They have a high level of responsibility and can never take for granted the safety of our fellow Malaysians.

The exposure and knowledge that the students gained from the programme was useful. They also learnt in the importance of changing their mindset on certain issues such as moral values, integrity and human development. These subjects should be implemented in the education system and be taught at schools in order to develop well-rounded individuals with good values.

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