Learning through homestay

> It is part of the university's CSR programme

Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) recently held a homestay programme in Johor for its international students in an effort to introduce them to local traditions and cultures.

The three-day homestay project at Kampung Mukut in Tioman Island, was part of the university's Corporate Social Responsibility programme and involved about 30 members of its International Student Society. It was led by Mohammad Roshid Samsudin, manager of UniRazak's Centre for Student Services.

Under the programme, run in collaboration with the villagers of Kampung Mukut, the students experienced the villagers' daily activities. Another aim of the programme, according to the university, was to help the students cope with homesickness. Through the programme they were able to enjoy memorable moments they could later bring back to their home country.

From the time the participants arrived at Jeti Mersing and boarded the ferry to Tioman Island, to the day they left, it was one eye-opening experience after another for them. The villagers had a welcoming ceremony for them, a camaraderie-filled affair during which the students got to know their foster families.

The itinerary included traditional games such as Boling Kelapa (coconut bowling) and Lari Dalam Gunu (sack racing). And on the final day of their visit, they joined the villagers for some morning exercises. Later, at the closing ceremony, village head Aris Ali Bakri thanked the university for the chance to be involved in the homestay programme.

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