UTM LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE COLLABORATED WITH TOKYO CITY UNIVERSITY (TCU) JOINT WORKSHOP 2018

UTM-TCU Field Trip Joint Workshop was held from 25th to 28th Aug 2018 with collaboration between UTM Landscape Architecture program and Tokyo City University (TCU). UTM-TCU Workshop participants are the undergraduate students of landscape architecture and urban life studies. The workshop themed: Landscape Design Attraction in Heritage Town, South-East Asian Countries coordinated by Dr Lee Yoke Lai. The program aims to strengthen collaborative networking activities between UTM and TCU to achieve academic and joint development stated in the MOU agreement (January 12, 2018) between UTM and. Besides, this workshop is also one of the platforms to enhance students' proactive participation in international mobility program, leadership, boost innovative ideas in landscape design and heritage conservation; and cultural exchange experiences.

The opening workshop begins with welcoming speech delivered by Dr Sapura Binti Mohamad, Director of Landscape Architecture Program and subsequently, Landscape Architecture students performed cultural shows included 'silat' (traditional Malay martial art) and wushu.

Then, there are fruitful lecture session convey by TCU lecturers, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kei Saito (Tokyo Urban Environment and Green Infrastructure), followed by Prof. Dr. Kazu Kawaguchi (landscape design of Heritage Town-Case Study in Kamakura City). As well as, UTM guest speaker, LAr. Mohd Zai Kandar shared about Tourist Movement Pattern case study in Penang.

The first day workshop ended with a short campus tour and sightseeing around UTM campus.

The second day of UTM-TCU Workshop to explore Melaka UNESCO World Heritage guided by Mr Rosli bin Haji Nor. All participants had visited the historical townscapes and important heritage sites of Melaka City such as Stadthuys, A' Famosa, Chetti Village, Kampung Morten as well as the famous traditional shopping street, Jonker Street. TCU delegates experience trishaw ride, taste Melaka traditional cuisine and the local people way of life at Kampung Chetti and Kampung Morten.
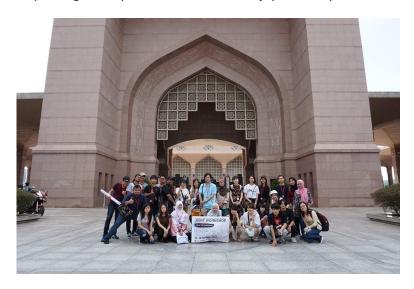
Third-day field trip continues to visit Kuala Lumpur where the participant visited Kuala Lumpur City Gallery exhibited the development of history past of Kuala Lumpur, present and future through miniatures and the waterfront Transformation Project - River of Life project coordinated by Mr Romieza (AECOM Landscape Architect).

Workshop participants had the opportunity to visit Putrajaya to view the urban development of a planned city, the blend of modern architecture with Islamic arts and the federal administrative centre of Malaysia. A waterway cuts through the city, flowing into a large lake. The real landscape balanced with lots of parks, greenery and wetlands in Putrajaya Development.

Participants visited the Putra Mosque, Putrajaya's most distinctive landmark which also known as pink mosque. A showcase of how mosque designs have evolved in Malaysia, Putra Mosque's Islamic-architecture artistically blends traditional designs, local craftsmanship and elegant main entrance gate.

The last day of the workshop ended in Singapore. The Director of STX Landscape Architecture, LAr Alfred Lee Fei Chong welcomed all workshop delegates to his office and gave the insight of his project works processes.

We also visited the Kampong Glam, the Muslim centre of Singapore with the guided by Dr Rahim. Participants explored the Malay history and culture, the landmark Sultan Mosque, the ground of the palace which now home to Malay Heritage Centre.

The last visit Singapore City Gallery which documented a model replica of Singapore's urban planning gave a comprehensive view of Singapore City transformation. This joint workshop marks the end of the four days joint field trip workshop. Through this workshop, participants had cherished the moment has shared together and built the friendship. Also, strengthen not only their cooperation skill but also had the vital knowledge and cultural exchanges.