

# MALAWAKIL NAIROBI TRIBUNE



INFORMATION ABOUT EVERYTHING MALAYSIA

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## BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND KENYA



Malaysia enjoys cordial diplomatic relations with Kenya and other East African Community (EAC) member states. The establishment of a Trade Office in Kenya by Malaysia in 1965 to take care of trade issues saw the beginning of diplomatic relations between the two countries. These relations were further enhanced by the establishment of a resident mission in Nairobi on 30 September 2005 to take care of Malaysia's interest in Kenya, Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda.

The past few years have witnessed the maturing of the relations between Malaysia and Kenya in particular and other countries in the region, which have been underscored by the close political relations especially between the leaders from these countries and in the context of South-South Cooperation.

Malaysia enjoys strong trade ties with East African countries with total exports worth RM 4.8 billion recorded in 2015. Kenya remained to be Malaysia's leading trading partner in the region with exports worth RM1.43 billion recorded in 2015 followed by the United Republic Tanzania with exports worthy RM800 million recorded during the same period. Exports to other countries continues to register growth though at slow pace.

During the year 2015, Kenya was ranked 5th in Africa as Malaysia's export destination after South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt and Angola. Malaysia's major export items to the region are palm oil products, petroleum products, chemical and chemical products, electrical and electronic goods and rubber products.

The mission in Nairobi will continue to put more efforts aimed at improving Malaysia's relations with host country and other accredited countries by encouraging more high level visits and people-to-people relations especially in the areas of commerce, education, culture and tourism.

### UPCOMING TRADE AND INVESTMENT EXHIBITIONS IN MALAYSIA

- Malaysia Oil and Gas Services Exhibition and Conference, 28-29 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
- International Green Energy Exhibition Conference Malaysia (IGEM), 4-7 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
- International Trade Malaysia (INTRADE) 2016, 2-5 November 2016, Menara MATRADE

# STUDY IN MALAYSIA

## WHY MALAYSIA?

Malaysia today is a popular destination for the pursuit of higher education. Established, reputable universities from around the world have set up campus here, working jointly with Malaysian universities and colleges to offer internationally-accredited degrees and diplomas in almost every discipline. There are now more than 40,000 students from 150 countries pursuing tertiary education here. They come to Malaysia because it has a unique Asian culture, a safe and secure environment, a low cost of living and many fascinating places for tourist destination. They come to Malaysia because we offer a dynamic international environment and cost-effective route for quality education with Local Degree Programmes, Twinning Degrees and 3+0 Degree Programmes from 17 Public Universities & College Universities, 21 Private Universities & College Universities. and 5 Branch Campuses of Foreign Universities.



Kuala Lumpur is the national capital and most populous global city in Malaysia. The city covers an area of 243 km<sup>2</sup> and has an estimated population of 1.7 million as of 2015. Greater Kuala Lumpur, covering similar area as the Klang Valley, is an urban agglomeration of 7.2 million people. It is among the fastest growing metropolitan regions in South-East Asia, in terms of population and economy.

## GATEWAY TO ASIA



Malaysia is the ideal gateway to Asia. With a multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious population that consists of a cross-section of Asia's peoples, it provides the right backdrop for Western universities to present their program jointly with Malaysians to reach wider Asia.

## GLOBALIZED EDUCATION



The strategy to make Malaysia an international education hub is premised on the fact that it makes more sense for degree providers to bring their programmes to the doorstep of those seeking quality education. This makes the programmes more affordable.

For over a decade now, Malaysia has been on a transformation to the Knowledge Economy. Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been fully integrated into the education system to create a paradigm shift in the way people are educated. This has resulted in the explosion of ICT-related and ICT-relevant programmes such as distance learning and virtual universities.

## WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLITICAL STABILITY

In the last decade, Malaysia has added another notch to its attractions by becoming a highly attractive tertiary education destination for students from around the world. These young people are drawn by the increasing presence of some of the world's most renowned universities, who offer various options to gain their diplomas and degrees through twinning arrangements with local institutions, transfer of credit, franchise and branch campus packages.

Besides the location of some of the finest names in world class education, the country has enjoyed over four decades of political stability, which has made it one of the most politically stable countries in the world. In addition, Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur, is one of the most internationalized cities in the world. It is here that most of Malaysia's universities and colleges are located.

## RICH IN HISTORY AND HERITAGE

A charming blend of green forests, long stretches of sandy beaches, mountain peaks and emerald islands, Malaysia has been a popular destination for centuries. As a key stop on the ancient spice route, it was a trading post that became a natural melting pot of cultures and religions. Arabs, Indians, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch and the English found the peninsular particularly fascinating. Malacca once held the distinction of being the ancient region's most important entreport. Here, global economy thrived as spices, silks, gold and silver traded hands and were transported to all parts of the world.



Historical City of Malacca

## A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

**In the region, Malaysia is a model nation, leading the way in transforming its development blueprint into a knowledge economy. At the spearhead of this transformation is the Multimedia Super Corridor – a national undertaking to make Malaysia Asia's Premiere ICT Investment Hub. World-class ICT companies have set up their global/regional operations here enabling the transfer of cutting edge ICT skills and technology.**

**This mega-development requires highly-skilled and highly-capable graduates whose work demands originality and innovative thinking. Malaysia is a highly-attractive destination for multinational companies that are looking for an entry into the Asian market because of its stability, rich talent pool and international lifestyle. Their presence makes globalization real in Malaysia.**

**Malaysia is a country that is transforming towards the high income status to become a key player in the global economy. Education is a national priority, to ensure we have the resources needed to realize development objectives. As such, we collaborate with the world's best to ensure that we deliver programs that are cutting edge and relevant to the needs of the 21st century.**

# ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING IN MALAYSIA



## High Standard of Living and Studying at Affordable Cost

The affordable cost of quality tertiary education is one of many good reasons why international students choose Malaysia. For example, you can acquire a UK engineering degree (3 years) in Malaysia through a 3+0 franchised degree programme at an estimated RM51,000 (USD16,000), whereas the tuition fee of the same 3-year degree programme at the host university in the UK is about RM144,000 (USD45,000) or £30,000.

A major advantage for international students when choosing to study in Malaysia is the relatively cheap cost of living. The total expenditure for accommodation, either on-campus or off-campus is very affordable. While your actual cost of living will depend on the location of your accommodation and your personal lifestyle, students will be pleased to know that KL has been ranked one of the least expensive cities in the world to live in. For most students, a monthly budget of RM1,500 (USD375) will provide them with a rather comfortable living in Malaysia.

Looking at the estimated education cost in Malaysia, international students will find the cheaper fees and lower cost of living in Malaysia more beneficial to them as compared to studying in other countries. In addition, there is a wide choice of study options, such as pre-university programmes, twinning degree courses, 3+0 degree programmes, foreign university degree programmes as well as postgraduate studies offered in this country which are delivered in English. Students also get to experience an exciting multi-cultural environment.



Studying abroad doesn't have to be just a dream anymore. Malaysia welcomes all international students from primary to tertiary levels, offering quality education that is more affordable than you may have thought. Besides home-grown schools and universities, Malaysia has world renowned international schools and universities setting up branch campuses in the country to provide world-class education opportunities to both Malaysian and international students.

The Malaysian government has placed every effort in ensuring that the quality of education in Malaysia, offered both by higher educational institutions and international schools, are of global standards. Our well-structured higher education system offers you the opportunity to pursue an international qualification that is recognized, reputable and affordable.

## EDUCATION DESTINATION OF CHOICE

**Malaysia supports the institutions' aim to make its students global citizens. International students are exposed to multiple languages, cultures and traditions as well as a wide variety of culinary treats and places of interest to explore. There are not many countries in this world can offer the type of learning environment that Malaysia offers to international students. Malaysia is ranked the world's 11th most preferred education destination in the world among international students by UNESCO. This shows that Malaysia has definitely won the confidence of international students for its quality education and enriching student experience.**

## MALAYSIA TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was first initiated at the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) for Asia Pacific Region in Sydney in February 1978. It was officially launched on 7 September 1980 at the Commonwealth Heads of State Meeting in New Delhi to signify Malaysia's commitment to South-South Cooperation, in particular Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, Malaysia through the MTCP shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries. The MTCP was first formulated based on the belief that the development of a country depends on the quality of its human resources. The programme forms part of the commitment of the Malaysian Government towards the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries, strengthening of regional and sub-regional cooperation, as well as nurturing collective self-reliance among developing countries.

The MTCP emphasises the development of human resources through the provision of training in various areas which are essential for a country's development such as public administration, good governance, health services, education, sustainable development, agriculture, poverty alleviation, investment promotion, ICT and banking. More than 100 short-term specialised courses are offered by 79 MTCP training institutions, many of which are centres of excellence for training. Since its launching, more than 25,000 participants from 140 countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

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## MALAYSIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KENYA

Kenya MTCP and Students Alumni that was established on 15 October 2015 aimed at assembling as many MTCP and former Malaysian graduates as possible. The Alumni serves as a platform for the members to exchange ideas on how to develop Kenya based on the experience and expertise they gained in Malaysia. The Members can also contribute to the improvement of bilateral relations between Kenya and Malaysia based on their professional profiles and position, either in the Government or Private sectors.



### HOW TO BE PART OF MALAYSIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KENYA

Registering with High Commission of Malaysia to join Malaysian Alumni Association of Kenya is easy. The following are the simple requirements:

- i. Participated in MTCP Courses in Malaysia
- ii. Graduated from any Public and Private Institute of Higher Learning in Malaysia

**For more details, please refer to:**

**[http://www.kln.gov.my/web/ken\\_nairobi/home](http://www.kln.gov.my/web/ken_nairobi/home)**