

**HKU SPACE International College (IC)  
and  
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia SPACE**

**IC-UTMSPACE Malaysia Study Tour 2017: A Country of Diversity**  
**(Application Deadline: 7 Apr 2017, Friday, 5:00pm)**

**Date of Tour:** 23-28 July 2017 (Sun to Fri) **[6 days 5 nights]**

**Features:**

- Experience Malaysian culture & rural life interactively through HOMESTAY programme
- Understand Ecotourism and rural development in Malaysia  
~with highlight visits to ecotourism or cultural sites like Malacca City, Forest Research Institute etc.
- Attend lectures by UTMSPACE professional lecturers
- Experience a unique multi-culture with diversity in cuisines, arts, religions, urban & rural lives

**UTMSPACE**



UTMSPACE is a branch of University Technology Malaysia (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia) which offers professional development programmes and academic programmes. It is also experienced in providing English Language programmes and Summer School programmes to international students. With learning centres all over the country, UTMSPACE aims to lead the development of innovative and creative human capital through quality lifelong education in Malaysia.

**Eligibility**

1. All full-time IC undergraduate students,
2. with **valid Visa** to travel to Malaysia (check the expiry date before application).

**Quota**

20 places

**Programme Fee**

**HK\$7,500** per each student (collect before the study tour)

\* subsidy up to **HK\$6,500**, refer to "Appendix A - Available Subsidy Scheme"

## Participations:

1-hour briefing + 6-day trip + 2 x half day workshops (pre & post)

### Tour Tentative Itinerary (6 days 5 nights)

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1	Jul 23 (Sun)	Depart from HK	Arrive at KL	Free
Day 2	Jul 24 (Mon)	Opening & Lectures on Culture & Ecotourism in Malaysian	Depart to Maur	Home Stay Programme starts
Day 3	Jul 25 (Tue)	Home Stay Programme: : Understand and experience the Malaysian culture and lifestyle - stay with the host family - participate in workshops such as: tele match (ketupat-weaving, top-spinning and kite-making), making tempe (soy cake) and coconut sugar, traditional musical instrument etc. - enjoy cultural performances (zapin and barogan) - visit to Mas Cotek herbal factory, oil palm plantation, chicken farm and coconut-shell craft centre		
Day 4	Jul 26 (Wed)	Home Stay Programme ends	Field trip 1: Melaka Historical City Visit Return to KL	Suggested visit: Night Market
Day 5	Jul 27 (Thurs)	Field trip 2 - Kuala Lumpur Ecotour & cultural sites (Batu Caves & Forest Research Institute Malaysia ) visit		Free
Day 6	Jul 28 (Fri)	Wrap-up & Closing	Depart from KL	

\* Itinerary is subjected to change

### Upon completion of tour, participants will

1. have to submit a short *reflective journal* in words or pictures or any other format e.g. videos;
2. be awarded a **Certificate of Attendance** from **UTMSPACE**;
3. receive *subsidy* granted on submission of the above mentioned journal.

### Briefing and Pre- & Post- Departure Workshops (2x half-day + 1 hour)

Successful applicants will need to attend compulsory workshops as follow:

- a) 1-hour briefing (1 hr) [Wednesday, May 31, 2017 Evening]
  - meeting of teammates
  - introduction of programme & Malaysia
  - grouping and division of work
- b) Pre-Departure Workshop (3 hr) [Saturday, June 17, 2017 AM]
  - a study of Malaysia
  - preparation of small gifts to host & plan for free time
  - team-building & personal development
  - points to note
- c) Post-Departure Gathering (2-3 hr) [Monday, August 7 2017 PM]
  - meet
  - review and share experiences

## **Being An Ambassador**

As you are representing IC while you are in Malaysia, it is important that you are an excellent ambassador. You should be able to share with others your lives and experiences. Your successes and struggles directly affect IC's ability to send future students to exchange partners and create overseas exchange or study opportunities. AND also the subsidy the college can obtain for future exchanges programmes.

## **Application Process**

1. Students who are interested to apply, please submit the **Application Form** to IC at IC Counter or email to [ic@hkuspace.hku.hk](mailto:ic@hkuspace.hku.hk).
2. Students will also need to submit a short essay, in less than 100 words (English), describing your reasons for application, your expectations, and what makes you a good ambassador.
3. Students who are applying for SSEBR, please submit also the **Application Form for SSEBR Scheme**. [*Refer to Appendix A for details*]
4. Selection Interview in groups may be arranged if necessary.

## **Announcement of Result**

1. Successful applicants will receive notification email from IC within one week after the applicant deadline.
2. Applicants who do not receive any notification email within one week after the application deadline may consider their applications unsuccessful.

## **Important Dates**

1. Application Deadline: Friday, April 7, 2017 (by 5:00pm)
2. Announcement of Result: Thursday, April 13, 2016  
(*Group Selection Interview may be arranged in the week of April 10 if necessary.*)
3. **\*\*For Successful Applicants: Due Date of Collection of Programme Fee:**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017\*\***
4. Briefing Session: Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 6:00pm-7:00pm
5. Pre-trip Workshop: Saturday, June 17, 2017, 10:00am-1:00pm
6. Post-trip Workshop (gathering): Monday, August 7 2017, 1:00pm-3:30pm
7. Date of Tour: 

July 23 – 28 (Sun – Fri), 2017 (6 days 5 nights)
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[Briefing and workshops are all compulsory and will be held at United Centre, 6/F]

## **Contact**

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**Available Subsidy Scheme**

Appendix A

**A) Education Bureau's Subsidy Scheme on Exchange to "Belt and Road" Regions (SSEBR)**

**Eligibility:** IC full-time undergraduate students

1. in receipt of means-tested student financial assistance from Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency; OR
  2. whose families are in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).
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3. with satisfactory academic performance, for example minimum GPA of 2.50, or average mark of 65, or average grade B-;
  4. who submit a reflective journal within 1 month after the tour.

**Maximum subsidy: HK\$6,500**

The subsidy granted for SSEBR is subjected to the destination and duration of the exchange activity and the applicant's level of student finance (in terms of percentage of full grant) approved by SFO. For this tour the maximum subsidy is the sum of below,

	<b>Subsidy amount (HK\$)</b>
Destination Subsidy: Asia (including Middle East)	3,000
Duration Subsidy: 5 – 13 days	3,500

Actual subsidy to be granted for an individual =  
SUM of above X his/her LEVEL OF STUDENT FINANCE

Example of calculation:

Case 1) A student received 100% of full grant from SFO joins this tour, the maximum amount of the subsidy to be granted is  $(\$3,000 + \$3,500) \times 100\% = \underline{\underline{\$6,500}}$

Case 2) A student received 70% of full grant from SFO joins this tour, the maximum amount of the subsidy to be granted is  $(\$3,000 + \$3,500) \times 70\% = \underline{\underline{\$4,550}}$

For details of SSEBR, please refer to "Operating guide of SSEBR" on Learner Portal & Notice Board.

**B) HKU SPACE Foundation Sponsorship**

**Eligibility:** IC full-time undergraduate students

1. with satisfactory academic performance;
2. who submit a reflective journal within 1 month after the tour.

**Amount of subsidy: HK\$3,000** (may varies slightly depending on the no. of applicants)