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JFKL Talk Series Episode 6- Japanese Ridesharing Solves Social Problems? Lessons for Malaysia

Reported by Farah Ammar (JFKL)

On the 24th of March, we were delighted to welcome a full house at our office for the first ever physical session of the JFKL Talk Series (Episode 6).

Initially introduced in 2021 as a virtual programme during the Covid-19 pandemic, the talk aims to reach out to everyone and “bring more about Japan” through the lens of professionals in various fields.

With the title, “Japanese Ridesharing Solves Social Problems? Lessons for Malaysia,” our guest speaker for the day was Mr. Yosuke Uchiyama, a young PhD candidate from Universiti Malaya, whose research expertise is on transportation studies and gig economy.

The talk began at 3:00pm with Mr. Uchiyama sharing about Japan’s domestic issues such as depopulation and lack of transportation in both rural and urban areas, as well as the country’s initiatives to alleviate it. He shared the example of Hokkaido where the Teishio Wakkanai Carpooling Project has helped to bridge the transportation gap within the aging population.

The talk continued by introducing Malaysia’s challenges in ridesharing and the way forward for both countries to support social needs, advocate better legislations for driver incentives and mutual aid in infrastructure. The Q&A session saw enthusiastic questions from the curious audience.

The event concluded around 4:30pm after a photo session with all the guests. We thank everyone for taking the time to attend the talk. For those who missed it, stay tuned for the recording which will be up on our YouTube channel very soon!



JFKL x temu house: Artist Exchange Program

Earlier this year, JFKL, together with temu house, invited Nadirah Zakariya (Malaysia) and Kana KUWASAKO (Japan) for the first ever JFKL Artist Exchange Program. There was a sharing session by the two artists at the end of the program at temu house on 10 March.

In early February, I was fortunate enough to experience a white winter in Sapporo, Hokkaido thanks to the JFKL Artist Exchange Program where I participated in a short artist residency at the Tenjinyama Arts Studio. It was so amazing to experience so much snow for the first time in my life, while also meeting other artists from different backgrounds from different parts of the world during my stay. Though my stay was only about one week, I was able to be inspired by the new surroundings and to create some new photography works. I would definitely love to go back to Sapporo and experience different seasons. (Nadirah Zakariya)



I am an artist using photography in Japan.

I spent two weeks in Langkawi and Kuala Lumpur in March with my camera, walking on the beach, climbing mountains, making embroidery works, and eating local food.

It was my first experience spending time in the tropics and working abroad as an artist.

Everything about this stay greatly inspired me and my work.

This experience was a big change for me, and I have had to drastically change my plans for my upcoming solo exhibition in Japan. I cannot wait to create my next work.

Thank you so much to Nadirah for inviting me to this program and to everyone involved. (Kana Kuwasako)

Cultural Material Loan Programme- Pusat Bahasa Teikyo

Reported by Farah Ammar (JFKL)

JFKL recently loaned out some of its Japanese cultural materials to our latest recipient, Pusat Bahasa Teikyo for their Open Day event held on 23rd and 30th of March 2024.

The Open Day, which aimed to introduce prospective students to the enriching opportunities available through studying abroad in Japan, incorporated a display of traditional Japanese apparel and toys to introduce elements of Japanese culture. The loaned cultural items included complete sets of yukata for males and females, mini taiko, kendama, daruma otoshi and more. We were glad that our cultural items played a part to promote Japanese culture to the public.

The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL) offers a loan programme of Japanese cultural materials. The objective of this programme is for the respective events to engage and promote Japanese cultures. However, the usage of these cultural materials is mainly for showcase or educational purposes only, and the event should be free of charge and open to the public. Eligible parties include:

- Non-profit organizations
- Government bodies
- Educational institutions/associations

*Individual and for-profit organizations are not eligible

Our cultural items include yukata sets, food samples, traditional toys, school uniforms and more! Take a look at our website for a list of the items and the application form (<https://www.jfkl.org.my/cultural-items/>) or email kl_grant@jpf.go.jp for enquiries. Applications are open all-year round, so if you have an event coming up soon, consider applying for our Cultural Material Loan Programme!



NINGYŌ Exhibition (Ongoing event)

Explore the heritage and history of Japanese dolls at the NINGYŌ Exhibition. Organized by the Japan Foundation, and co-organized by Department of Museums Malaysia, Ministry of National Unity, and the Embassy of Japan, with the dessert sponsored by Imuraya, the National Museum of Malaysia will display a variety of dolls from different parts of Japan, showcasing their cultural importance and role in Japanese society over the centuries. The exhibition is divided into four sections: 'Ningyō for Children's Growth,' 'Ningyō as Art,' 'Ningyō as Folk Art,' and 'Spreading Ningyō Culture,' featuring 67 carefully chosen dolls that highlight the history and significance of Japanese doll-making.

And that's not all! Don't miss the Japanese Cultural Weekend on 1 June 2024, in collaboration with ANIMANGAKI. This event will offer various fun activities related to Japanese culture, including workshops, demonstrations and shows.

Join us at Muzium Negara to discover the beauty and cultural significance of Japanese dolls. Stay tuned for updates about the Japanese Cultural Weekend at <https://www.jfkl.org.my/events/jf-ningyo-exhibition/>



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NINGYŌ

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Art and Beauty of Japanese Dolls

7 Mei - 8 Julai 2024
Dewan Tengah, Muzium Negara

7th May - 8th July 2024
Central Hall, Muzium Negara





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Japanese Language Education Workshop 2024

In Collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)

Reported by Nur Diyana binti Abd Rahman (JFKL)

Programme	: Japanese Language Education Workshop 2024 (Bengkel Pendidikan Bahasa Jepun 2024)
Main Organiser	: Department of Communications and Languages, Centre for Foundation and Continuing Education (PPAL), UMT
Date	: 17 March 2024 (Sunday)
Time	: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Participation	: Japanese language teachers/lecturers who are currently teaching at educational institutions in Terengganu, Kelantan and Pahang

UMT through its *Pusat Pendidikan Asas dan Lanjutan* (PPAL) has initiated a new programme for Japanese language educators in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. 16 teachers attended the workshop from the three states comprising of university lecturers and secondary school teachers. The aim of the programme is for the participants to share their practices during Japanese lessons, discuss about effective usage of visual teaching materials and game activities, in addition to strengthening the network of these educators.

Professor Dr. Asyraf bin Haji Ab Rahman, the Dean of PPAL, commenced the workshop with his welcome speech, delivering the vision for this initiative to continuously expand and benefit the Japanese language field not only within respective campuses, but the region as well. The Deputy Dean of Academic & Students Affairs, Dr. Azza Jauhar binti Ahmad Tajudin, Head of Languages and Communication Department, En. Mohammad Mahdi bin Abas, and the Assistant Director of the Language Unit from the Terengganu State Education Department (*Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri*), Pn. Ang Meng Siew were also present. In his speech, JFKL's Director, Mr. TSUKAMOTO Norihisa voiced his appreciation to the university for initiating the programme to encourage a closer rapport among Japanese language teachers in the region.

Led by Dr. Roswati Abdul Rashid, the project director of this workshop as well as a UMT Japanese language lecturer, the workshop began with six presentations from the following institutions which shared examples of activities conducted during lessons, focusing on the approach, materials used and their effectiveness on the students.

Name	Institution	Title
Dr. Roswati Abdul Rashid	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu	日本語コンテストの参加
Wan Suhaila Binti Wan Idris	Sekolah Menengah Sains Dungun	教師室での日本語活動
Muhammad Aflaha Solihin Bin Sulaiman	Sekolah Berasrama Penuh Integrasi Batu Rakit	UPBAの試験のパート Bの問題1に答えるための戦略
Norfarizan Binti Mansor	Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Lembah Bidong	E-カード
Tg. Iffah Binti Tuan Yazid	Universiti Malaysia Kelantan	A WACOM writing pad; Teaching Japanese Writing Online
Qurratu 'Ain Binti Mahmood	Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sulaiman	形容詞について

JFKL's Japanese language lecturers then conducted two sessions on the various usage of visual teaching materials and effective use of games for class activities to master Japanese in smaller groups.

As part of this initiative, UMT is also in the process of compiling and refining the inputs of this workshop in a publication to be shared with other Japanese language teachers not only in Malaysia but also neighbouring countries, with the support of the JFKL Small Grant Programme.

In general, all participants were very keen, communicating continuously with each other to build a stronger support system within the region. It was also a great platform to connect new teachers with senior teachers who could share their insights into this field and also serve as a reference for the younger generation.

All participants, the organiser and JFKL also had the opportunity to enjoy a buka puasa dinner on the eve of the workshop in UMT campus. We hope through this great effort, the Japanese language teachers in these three states will be able to initiate more platforms to develop effective teaching approaches beyond the classroom.



10th Batch NIHONGO Partners Programme: The Arrival of NIHONGO Partners and Post-Arrival Orientation

Reported by Fatim Azzahra binti Hamsa (JFKL)

NIHONGO Partners, or NPs, are Japanese citizens who volunteer to support Japanese language education mainly in secondary schools in Asia by assisting the non-native Japanese language teachers. This year marked the tenth year that NPs are being dispatched to Malaysia since its commencement in 2015. The 10th Batch welcomed 10 volunteers, bringing the total of NPs sent to Malaysia to 172 with 124 participating host schools as of 2024. These NPs arrived in Malaysia on 12 March and underwent a post-arrival orientation for 3 weeks before being stationed at respective schools starting 29 March. This year, the NPs have been posted to 7 states in Peninsular Malaysia (Kedah, Penang, Kelantan, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, Johor) and Sarawak. They started their mission as Japanese language and culture assistants at the schools until 4 November and will be returning to Japan on 7 November after attending the year-end report meeting in Kuala Lumpur. To prepare them for this mission, they went through orientation sessions in Japan as well.



UPSI welcomed NPs at KLIA on 12 March

Pre-Departure Training in Japan

As per annual practice, the selected NPs of the 10th Batch participated in a month-long pre-departure training at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, Japan from 19 November until 16 December 2023. During this training, the NPs learnt of the Japanese language education in Malaysia, what their roles will be, and probable activities that could be conducted. They were also briefed about Malaysia in general, such as a brief history, daily life situations, and safety measures to be taken. They also spent the month learning basic Malay language to ease communication with the locals. The NPs commented that the sessions gave them the preliminary information on what to expect when living in Malaysia and communicating at schools.

Post-Arrival Orientation in Malaysia

Upon arrival on 12 March, this batch was sent directly to Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) to participate in a 3-day immersion programme. This is the second year that the Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL) is collaborating with UPSI through its International & Mobility Centre (IMC) to conduct the NP immersion programme to help them acquire practical Malay language skills and interact with local students to familiarize with the local culture. Paired up with UPSI students from the Global Buddies (GB) under the IMC, these NPs were exposed to Malaysian culture through specially designed modules involving traditional songs, dances, attires, games, and desserts. As they arrived during the Ramadan month, they also managed to experience Ramadan bazaar and iftar (breaking fast) as part of the modules. Other sessions included survival tips living in Malaysia and simulations to prepare them for situations inside the classroom. UPSI also provided a space for the NPs to share their perspectives via TMFaceLive that was live-streamed on their Facebook page, where the NPs conversed both in Malay and English. Both NPs and GBs cited their appreciation of this short but insightful programme which contributed to mutual cultural exchange as well as forming friendships to last a lifetime.



Manis-san: NPs learnt to make *kuih bakar* and *onde-onde*



Closing ceremony: NP performance with GB (Sajak)

The NPs underwent their second week of the orientation with JFKL officers and Japanese language instructors from 18 until 22 March 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, which focused on official matters, expectations of living in Malaysia and further preparation to assist the local Japanese language teachers in schools. The NPs also paid courtesy visits to the Embassy of Japan (EoJ) in Malaysia and Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) on 19 March. During both visits, the NPs delivered speeches and expressed their aspirations to play a role in bridging Malaysia and Japan.



NP courtesy visit to Ambassador Takahashi



NP delivered a speech during MOE courtesy visit

During the final week of the orientation, the NPs had a joint session with their Counterpart Teachers (CP) who would be their teacher partners in schools. The aim of the joint orientation was to introduce them to each other and for them to participate in collaborative sessions to build a balanced working partnership, as well as to support discussions on future activities to be conducted together at the schools. They had their first collaboration by practicing team teaching in a mock lesson. During the same week, the CPs attended briefings conducted by JFKL officers and MOE representatives. The final week also allowed the NPs to have another iftar with their CPs, in which all of them appeared to be comfortable donning the traditional Malay outfits!



All 10 NPs donned in Malay traditional outfits



The end of the orientation: NPs, CPs and JFKL

We hope the NPs have benefited from the orientation sessions and will be able to contribute to their schools and local community by introducing Japanese culture and language.

JFKL will report on their activities through the upcoming issues of *Teman Baru* and social media. Please follow our social media (*The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur* on Facebook and *@jf_kualalumpur* on Instagram) to follow the NP activities at their respective schools!

JFKL Special Workshop for New Teachers (PDPP)

Reported by Chan Yee Han (JFKL)

A special workshop tailored for new Japanese language teachers was conducted on 13 Mar (Tue) and 14 Mar (Wed) at Hotel Grand Continental Kuala Lumpur. All 25 participants of this workshop were currently engaged in teaching Japanese language at secondary schools. The aim of this workshop was to provide a platform for new teachers to reflect on their teaching practices and to glean fresh insights from their peers.

In addition to interactive discussions among the participants, the two-day workshop featured various sessions focusing on teaching methodologies, including communicative approach to teaching grammar, important points for teaching writing, incorporating related cultural elements in language teaching, and re-evaluating assessment methods.

We were pleased to note the enthusiastic participation of all teachers throughout the workshop. We hope that they found the experience enriching and gained valuable insights to enhance their teaching practice. We extend our gratitude to all the participants and look forward to welcoming them again at future workshops.

For more information about other workshops tailored for Japanese language teachers, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for future updates.



The participants



The atmosphere



The activity

HQ Staff Training

Reported by OKI Kohei

Hello! I am OKI Kohei from the JF Headquarters (Tokyo). This March I underwent a three-week long training at the JFKL office. During this period, I had wonderful and unforgettable experiences in Malaysia.

During the training, I had opportunities to work on JFKL's cultural events, Japanese language education programs and international dialogue programs. One of the events that left an impression on me was JFKL Talk Series Episode 6 held on March 24 at the JFKL library, a lecture on ridesharing services in Malaysia and Japan. I was impressed by the audience's keen interest on the issue as indicated by the more than 70 people who gathered to have a lively discussion on the situations in Malaysia and Japan. I would love to see more discussions like this on other social issues and themes common to both countries. I was also impressed with the NIHONGO Partners program (the 10th batch) and was inspired when I joined them for the orientation and heard their aspiration to build bridges between Malaysia and Japan before they set off to their schools.

In addition to work, I also enjoyed the rich culture of Malaysia during my stay. I visited museums and art galleries, wonderful art spaces such as Ilham Gallery and REXKL, and theaters in Kuala Lumpur. I also had a chance to visit the Ramadan Bazaar in KL to buy special sweets and meals. This was my first time in Malaysia, and I learnt that Malaysia is such a culturally diverse and rich country! Besides, the dishes I ate in Malaysia are also among my unforgettable memories. I was overwhelmed by Malaysia's diverse food culture and enjoyed a wide variety of Malay, Chinese, Indian, Peranakan, and other cuisines. Especially I liked sate ayam! There are still many traditional dishes I haven't eaten, and I want to try them the next time I am in Malaysia.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my JFKL colleagues. They were so kind and inspiring, and it was fantastic to work with them. The three-week training was very short for me, but I got to have an invaluable experience during this period. Thank you so much for everything!



EVENT LISTING

MAY 7 - JULY 7	NINGYŌ Exhibition Japanese Cultural Day: (June 1) Venue: Muzium Negara
MAY 2 & 11	JFKL Workshop for Japanese language teachers Registration will be closed on 30 April & 9 May respectively
MAY 11	The Weekend Japanese Film Show Title: "A MOTHER'S TOUCH" (2022) Venue: GSC Mid Valley, Kuala Lumpur
MAY 18	Online Japanese Salon for Secondary School Students Registration will be closed on 16 May 2024
JUN 5 - JULY 3	JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL ONLINE 2024 Stay tuned for more updates on our SNS and JFKL website!
JUN 22	THE 21ST JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA (2024) Registration will be closed on 19 May 2024

Event listings will be updated from time to time. Stay tuned for updates on our website and official channels.

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1 May - Labour Day
22 May - Wesak Day
3 June - Birthday of Y.P. Agong
17 June - Hari Raya Haji

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1 May - Labour Day
22 May - Wesak Day



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