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YOU MUST GO HERE Barass (second from right) pointing out places of interest in Melbourne to Sunway-VicUni students bound for Australia under the student exchange programme

Swapping memories

"IT'S been a fantastic experience!" said Colin Barass, when asked what he thought of his five-month stint at Sunway College, Petaling Jaya, as an exchange student from Melbourne, Australia.

"I love the environment here. It's very relaxed, friendly and hot! I've also made many friends," said the exuberant Anglo-Indian, who majored in Music Business.

Barass is the first Australian exchange student to spend a semester at Sunway College under the new provision for student exchange outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between the college and Victoria University (VicUni), Melbourne.

Under the agreement, selected students spend a semester of study abroad whilst paying local fees.

Five Sunway-VicUni business students — Tan Sue Wei, Ng Wai Chee, Aline Tan Siew Siew, Chin Chee Yan and Kristina Hoe — will leave next month for VicUni's Melbourne campus as exchange students.

When asked what motivated him

to come to Malaysia, Barass replied: "I like travelling and getting to know people from different cultures. The opportunity to live abroad was too good an offer to pass up."

While in Malaysia, Barass took three subjects — Consumer Behaviour, Advertising and Public Relations and International Marketing — in his final semester in order to graduate.

The sports enthusiast loves local dishes such as *kuey teow Bandung*.

"It's been great not having to shop, cook and wash up after every meal!" he laughed.

As for the difference in academic systems, Barass said that although the formats were the same — large lectures and small tutorials — the emphasis on open learning was still not as strong here as compared to Australia.

"There's more school work to do here than what I'm used to," he said.

Nonetheless, he has a high regard for the lecturers at Sunway College.

"I must say the lecturers here are brilliant! They know their material and show a lot of concern for the students."

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