

Harvard-trained tutors share their experience with students

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MORE than 230 Malaysian youths broadened their horizons by learning from Harvard-trained tutors at the recent Asia Leadership Seminar 2015.

Themed "Opportunities and Challenges in 21st Century Asia," the seminar was held in conjunction with Sunway Education Group's hosting of these 42 indi-

vidually accomplished graduate students from Harvard University, Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They were trekking across four other destinations in the continent — Japan, South Korea, Indonesia and India, in the Asia Leadership Trek 2015 programme.

Malaysia was their fourth stop before India from Jan 9 to Jan 15.

During the seminar, Asia Leadership Trek chairman Samuel Kim said they aimed to provide the chance for these graduate students,

known as trekkers in this programme, to learn more about Asian countries and at the same time, give back to them.

"Particularly in Malaysia, there is such high energy among the youths and policymakers as they strive to create a better country.

"This is where our trekkers, this privileged group of people studying in leading institutions, could share their stories and experiences to the communities we visit.

"What they have in common with the youths here is that they too have a deep passion to do

something good for the community," he said in his opening speech during the seminar held at the Lost World of Tambun Hotel recently.

In Asia, Kim noted that much of the education is focused on "knowing" instead of equally emphasising on "doing" and "being."

"As such, today's seminar comprises workshops and talks from our trekkers to help us understand the kind of people we wish to become.

"To have a better society, we must also help and support each other," he said.

Sunway University and Sunway Education Group senior executive director Dr Elizabeth Lee said this seminar adopted a timely theme, for there were currently many leadership opportunities and challenges at hand and there would be plenty more in the future.

The seminar featured a forum session on "Social Change Agent: Roles and Responsibilities" by trekkers, two talks by David Rose and Alanna Hughes, a workshop series facilitated by trekkers, and a career mentoring and professional development session.

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