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## **Fati and Liban ASA Internship at the Education and Training Office**

**Project title:**

TVET Providers – The Effectiveness of Technical Vocational Education in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor

**Who are we:**

Fati: Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies and Management

Liban: Business Administration student



Us at the Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur

### **ASA Program**

We are two ASA scholarship interns from Germany with the task to conduct a research at GMI. ASA stands for “Arbeits und Studienaufenthalte”. The ASA-Program is a very diverse program addressing different target groups and fields of activities. It prepares its participants with various seminars in Germany. The next phases after the seminars are the internship phase and a follow up phase. The objective is to promote exchange and learning about **our One World** through personal experience.

## Our Project

For our project we drafted two research questions which will enable us to provide a solid recommendation to GMI. The first research question was to find out about trends in the industry regarding technical vocational education training as well as trends indicated by the government. Secondly we analyzed the programs offered by GMI to identify if there is a gap between the courses and the trends we found. The last task was to give recommendations to the German-Malaysian Institute.

Our work consisted of research analysis, collecting data and conducting interviews. We found difficulties in finding numbers. Disappointing was the lack of/ late response to our emails, even after numerous reminders and phone calls. Most information where collected through publications.

## How was our time in Malaysia?

Although most of our work was in the office, it was also necessary for us to go on different fairs in order to collect some further information. This was especially an interesting task, because we could get hand-on evidence for our work and conduct interviews.

We have been able to visit various places in Kuala Lumpur, since the public transport to Kuala Lumpur was very good. Other places we visited in our three months were Georgetown, Kuching in Borneo and Pangkor in Perak.

Living in Malaysia also meant eating one of the most diverse and delicious cuisine we had. We will definitively miss the spices and the flavors in Germany.



GMI staffs and interns at the “Tag der Deutschen Einheit” ceremony at the Mandarin Oriental in Kuala Lumpur