

Studying in Selangor

Malaysia is indeed becoming a dynamic and exciting regional centre for education excellence even for those who come from far and wide.

Malaysia is located in the tropics of Southeast Asia, straddling the South China Sea. Recent developments are putting not just the country, but Selangor on the world map, with the focus being made on becoming a knowledge-based economy. To develop world-class quality education and meet the demands and requirements of the new millennium, as well as to affirm the position of English as a second language, the Government

has initiated major educational reforms by formulating new legislations on education. This was tabled in the Parliament from 1995 to 1997, and covers all levels of education, from pre-school to higher tertiary education.

Leading newspaper The Star, recently reported that figures had increased between 2006 and 2008 by 30%. This brings the overall numbers of international students in Malaysian international schools and higher education institutions to 65,000. According to calculations by industry analysts, the Malaysian

Government is well on target to realise its 2010 goal of 100,000 international students.

An Educational Experience

If you study in Selangor, you will find that your experience will be thoroughly based on deep cultural, religious and political resonances. International students who come here will find an emphasis on lifestyle, culture and quality of education.

There is much to learn from the unique multicultural population of Malay, Indian and Chinese, the country's Islamic religion and its experience of colonialism. As a whole, Malaysia's story demonstrates the high level of fluidity in globalising the higher education market.

Applying to Study In Selangor

For admission into private schools, private higher educational institutions or public universities, as an international



student, you can apply directly to the educational institution of your choice.

According to www.studymalaysia.com, an educational portal, it is suggested that international students need to ascertain whether the institution has been 'licensed' and 'approved' before they enrol. To safeguard the interest of international students, it is the practice in Selangor that all private schools, international school, private colleges, private universities and foreign university branch campuses need approval from the relevant regulatory bodies of the Malaysian Government in order to operate and take in students.

Educational institutions that offer courses to international students are required to obtain approval from relevant governing authorities. You may refer to www.mohe.gov.my or www.studymalaysia.com for a list of Malaysia's educational institutions.

Living As Students

In Malaysia, all institutions of learning are committed to international students' welfare. There is a wide range of off-campus and on-campus accommodation to meet different students' budgets, and all living accommodation is modern and comfortable.

Estimated living expenses range from USD 3,000 per annum to USD 5,000 per annum in Selangor. The cost of living also varies depending on the students' style of living. Here, they have the experience, the people and the facilities to give each student a wholesome experience.

Student Visas

According to the Immigration Department of Malaysia, any foreigner who wishes to study in Malaysia is required to obtain a Student Pass. Foreign students are allowed to study in Public or Private Educational Institutions, which have been approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Application for a Student Pass has to be made through the respective Educational Institution prior to entry. Please see the side table for further information on visa application.

Requirements and Procedures for Student Visas

Offer letter from Educational Institution.

Nationals from The People's Republic of China and Commonwealth Independent States who wish to study in Public Educational Institutions are required to obtain prior consent from the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education Malaysia.

Nationals from the People's Republic of China are required to obtain Entry Visa prior to entry.

- Completed Form IMM. 14 in duplicate.
- Two (2) copies of Passport/ Travel Document.
- Two (2) passport sized photographs.

Except for nationals from The People's Republic of China, other nationals who have obtained approval to study through the respective Educational Institution are allowed direct entry into Malaysia.

Students have to show their approval letters upon arrival. Special Pass will be issued to refer them to the respective State Immigration Department for issuance of Student Pass.

Educational institution's representative is required to receive and attend to the student on arrival

Other Informations

Only immediate families of students who are pursuing Post-Graduate courses will be considered Social Visit Pass according to the validity of the respective Student Pass

Higher Educational Institution is required to sign Personal Bond prescribed under Regulation 18, Immigration Regulations 1963 as a guarantee that the person to whom such pass is issued will comply with the provisions of the Ordinance and of any regulations made thereunder. No fees charged for the Personal Bond.

Fees

Student Pass - RM60.00 a year or part of a year

Visa - fees charged depending on the country. It does not exceed RM 100.00

Relevant Government Authorities

To study either in Public Education Institutions (PEI) or Public Higher Education Institutions (PHEI), international students are advised to check whether the particular institution that you have chosen is registered and licensed by the relevant authorities. These related authorities are listed below:

Authority of Private Pre-tertiary Education (Private Schools & Foreign System Schools)

Private Education Division
Department of Schools
Ministry of Education Malaysia
Level 3, Block E2, Parcel E
Federal Government Administrative Centre, Precinct 1
62505 Putrajaya, Malaysia