



The Malaysian Agrifood Corporation (MAFC) has been an active participant in the MDBC Student Internship Program for the past few years. MAFC has employed a variety of students, from Business to Life Sciences. At this moment, three Dutch students are undertaking their internships at MAFC. Here are their stories:

Anita Lutén works on a graduation project at MAFC to finish her study Food & Business at Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen. MAFC is acting as an agent of change in the agriculture business. The company was

only established in 2006 and is therefore still on its way to becoming a multinational. According to Anita, working at MAFC is than at a similar company in the Netherlands, where everything is automated and up and running, especially because the whole agriculture and horticulture industry in Malaysia is still so new. It is great to see the company developing itself and trying to change the agriculture industry in Malaysia, while also gaining work experience. "The project I am working on is more on the business side, I am helping MAFC to reach overseas markets by writing a report on how to develop and market a global brand," Anita said. Anita explains that being in Malaysia is a big experience for her, not only because of the different work environment, but also because of the interaction with people from so many different cultures. "Another advantage of MDBC's placement is the contact you have with other students from the Netherlands; we can support each other when and where necessary, and there is always a good party around!", Anita concluded.

The Interns Interview

Stephan van de Bunte and **Gerbert van den Hoek** are the first students from Windesheim University of Applied Sciences who have found an internship in Malaysia under MDBC's SIP. The students, who are graduate students in Business Logistics, experience this as a worthwhile challenge.

Their graduation project consists of several smaller assignments which all contribute to one goal, working on supply chain improvement. MAFC strives to deliver products of high quality to its customers. Temperature and humidity are of high importance, due to the climate in Malaysia. Gerbert and Stephan explain that this was a big challenge because the circumstances in Malaysia can't be compared with those in the Netherlands.

HAN new partner

During his recent trip to the Netherlands, Marco Winter also further developed the cooperation with our SIP partner universities of applied sciences, and visited a new partner school.

We are pleased to welcome and introduce our new partner school, the Hogeschool Arnhem Nijmegen (HAN). The HAN was established in 1996 after a merger of three schools located in the two neighboring cities (Arnhem and Nijmegen) and is now one of the fastest growing universities of applied sciences in the Netherlands.



The HAN is our 8th partner university of applied sciences and will take part in SIP offering students from the **Life Sciences** study area. This study focuses on biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics, immunology, research strategies, and the physiology of plants and animals. Graduates from this study field can be found in regional labs for health care, food and health agencies or in a management position. The first HAN Life Science students can be expected in Kuala Lumpur by early 2010.



MDBC SIP briefing

With their internship nearly ending, these students have already seen a lot of the country (both for business and sightseeing), learned a lot about the culture and the company. They noted that their knowledge of logistics has grown considerably. "Hopefully this experience will contribute to our future career. After all, we've learned a lot in these past months so we are quite sure it will. Doing our internship/graduating in Asia gave us a life-time experience, which we will never forget," Stephan and Gerbert highlighted.

In order to assist more MDBC members with their interest in employing a Dutch student intern, and to explain the various study fields which we can now offer as well as what these students can deliver to their company, MDBC will provide a special briefing on the Internship Program. Partner AIESEC will also talk about students from Universities of Scientific and Academic Education. This briefing is scheduled on 20 August, and is meant to prepare for the intake in early 2010.



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