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## News from International Affairs Division

A delegation from The University of Kitakyushu (UKK) in Japan and Executive Director of Japan-Malaysia Association paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor of UNIMAS, Prof. Dato Dr Kadim Mohd. Suaidi on the 11th June 2013 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office. The delegation from Kitakyushu University comprised of Prof. Dr Takekawa Daisuke, Professor of Anthropology, Mr Yoichi Kamino, Director of International and Regional Affairs Department and Ms Yumiko Shibata, International Exchange officer. During the 30-min visit, Mr Yoichi Kamino gave an overview of the university and the city of Kitakyushu which was selected by OECD as the first model city for green growth in Asia. The UKK also proposed to develop partnership with UNIMAS through its project for the Promotion of Global Human Resource Development, Ministry of Education in Japan. Present during the visit were Prof. Dr Kasing Apun, Head of International Affairs Division, UNIMAS and Madam Sakai Kazue from Insar Tours & Travel, Kuching. After the courtesy visit, the delegation held further discussion with the International Affairs Division, lecturers from Centre of Language Studies, Faculty of Economics and Business and the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology. The discussion covers matters on study exchange, staff exchange, Japanese language programme, spring/ summer programme for the students from UKK. Both parties agreed to further explore the possibility of formalizing this partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).