

Four MJIIT Japanese Students Call On Najib



PUTRAJAYA, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- Four Japanese students from the Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIIT) based at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at his office here Friday.

They were led by UTM Distinguished Ambassador at MJIIT Prof Masahiko Horie and the Dean of MJIIT, Prof Datin Dr Rubiyah Yusof.

The students were Hiroki Shibasaki (pursuing a PhD in Electrical Engineering), Ayaka Kobatake (Masters in Management of Technology), Shunsuke Watanabe (Masters in Precision Engineering) and Satoshi Nomoto (first degree in Electronic Systems Engineering).

Najib enquired about their studies, the facilities and environment at their campus and their lifestyle in Malaysia.

MJIIT, which is located at UTM in Jalan Semarak, Kuala Lumpur, was launched by Najib on June 1, 2012, to provide Japanese-style engineering education to young Malaysian and international students.

It was established under an agreement reached between the Japanese and Malaysian governments in May 2010.

Horie said later that he was looking forward to bringing more Japanese students to visit Najib the next time, perhaps 40 or 400.

He said Najib, during his talks with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a visit to Japan in December last year, also discussed the development of the MJIIT.

Abe, he said, had pledged to support the development of the MJIIT with US\$1 million (about RM3.30 million) in order to invite 25 Asean students to pursue their post-graduate studies there under scholarship and fellowship beginning September this year.

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