

Article for ISAT

It was certainly _ enlightening and insightful for us to be the second batch of internship trainee at the Institute of Automotive and Transport Engineering (ISAT), in France. Thank you to our beloved university – Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS and our sponsor, PETRONAS for the trust given to us.

Before coming here, we were scared and yes, we knew we would miss our family and friends, but we also realize that if we did not seize this chance to do our internship in another country, we might never again have this opportunity. We were excited to gain new experiences, but at that time we had no idea how beneficial it would ultimately be in all aspects of life. However, smiles of acceptance can be seen through the faces of ISAT's staff has eliminated all the negative feelings in my thoughts about coming here. As for ourselves, we must accept this as a challenge in life so we could be prepared to think out of the box, dare to make the impossible happen, and have strong belief in oneself discipline of action. Besides, with some advice from our lecturer Dr Naufal Saad, the person who has been working hard to seek for our placement here, we believe that we could do well here.

Internship Program Info

ISAT has offered us a research opportunity where for me, Firdaus, is scheduled to acquire and analysis a set of data from a car sponsored by RENAULT using the LabVIEW software which is sponsored by National Instrument while Asyiran, my colleague, will work on the material composite. The response from professionals such as Lecturers and other staff was extremely encouraging. They are all sharing the latest practice in ISAT and innovation was one of the major attractions. This is a good platform for us to exchange ideas, learn about the latest developments in industries as well as work out strategies relevant to our areas of interest.



From left : Firdaus, Ashiran and Benny in front of Eiffel Tower

Accommodation

Accommodation is not a big deal for us here as Nevers is the center place of education. Thus, there are many rooms, studios and apartment to be rented here. The price of the apartments for student is cheap and also affordable.

Friends

We made many French friends and in fact, we also made some Spain, Italian and Canadian friends here. Language is not a barrier for us to get to know each other. We learn about French by ourselves through the books that we bought back in Malaysia. Practice makes perfect. Thus, everyday we practiced our French with our friends, discussing about simple information such as discussing the different kinds of food and the town they came from. Of course, it was intimidating to plunge right in, but by trying and making mistakes, we became confident enough with our French to participate in sport and make friends.

Activities

We have our own schedule for activities here. Every week, we are playing hockey and badminton. In fact, this is the first time for us to play hockey with roller blade where we cannot find it in our country. Besides, we were also able to grab a chance to go swimming and the price for students is very acceptable and cheap.

Apart from that, instead of gaining experience for internship, our favorite part is a chance to travel and sightseeing to some of the European countries! Searching the internet for every train or plane ticket deal we could find, we used our passport to the max. What we love the most about going to all these places was seeing and discovering new cultures, people and places.

Our opportunity to come here has truly given us an eye opening experience that has changed our perspective on life. The world has become smaller in terms of technology, but it is a thrill to see and discover places that could easily be read about on the internet. We met new people, saw new things and discovered a ton about ourselves personally in the process.

We believe that this is just a microcosm of what we saw, learned, and loved about France and ISAT, Nevers especially. We hope that through sharing our experience, ISAT, Nevers has earned a new place in the minds of all who read this, and that our words will inspire others to go and check out this place for themselves.