

# Malaysian OSM on innovation to Japan

Under the APO Individual Country Observational Study Mission (OSM) Program, a total of 32 Malaysian delegates, 30 of whom were self-financed and two sponsored under the Bilateral Cooperation Between NPOs Program, visited Tokyo and Nagoya, 8–13 May, to examine innovation. The study mission was organized by the National Productivity Corporation (NPC), Malaysia, and hosted by the Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic Development and Central Japan Quality Control Association. The 32 participants were from the NPC, Malaysia; National University of Malaysia; major companies such as Perdua Automotive Centre, Intel Technology, Telekom Malaysia, and National; and various government offices such as the National Institute of Public Administration, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, and Council of Trust for the Indigenous People.

In Tokyo, Panasonic's brand management team gave a presentation to the OSM participants on its strategy for global competitiveness and hosted a visit to the Panasonic Center to showcase the company's "ubiquitous" digital solutions. Participants also visited the Palace Hotel to observe innovative practices of Green Productivity, such as biological composting



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equipment that converts restaurant kitchen waste into organic fertilizer. In Nagoya, they visited the Toyota Motor Co. Tsutsumi plant; Yamasei Kogyo, a producer of automotive parts and components; and NGK Spark Plug, a manufacturer of spark plugs and related products for internal combustion engines and new ceramics and applicable products.