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MALAYSIAN students are doing very well at the University of Kent in Britain. Mohd Fadhil Masron and Kasdi Kamin have embraced the international atmosphere at the university.

"The University of Kent is unique. It has many students from Europe and other countries, and is a very peaceful and convenient place to study," said Fadhil.

Noted Kasdi: "It's just 90 minutes away from London, and it is also the main gateway to Europe, so for students like myself who want to travel and learn about other cultures, Kent is the perfect place to be."

Kent is only a two-hour train ride to Brussels in Belgium or Paris. If you're looking for something nearer, the town of Canterbury combines modern shopping centres with historic places full of medieval atmosphere, and it is all within walking distance from the university.

Fadhil and Kasdi are part of a 17,000-student community with over 20% international students of 140 nationalities, inspiring *The Sunday Times* University Guide to state that the University of Kent "can claim to be Britain's only international university".

Students are able to choose a range of accommodation, from shared houses with self-catering facilities, to modern study bedrooms, all with broadband Internet access. There are also idyllic rural villages near Canterbury that many students like to move to for the complete Kent experience.

"Canterbury has given me such a great time," said Fadhil.

Fadhil and Kasdi attend Kent's Biosciences courses. The department focuses its research on cell biology and development, infectious diseases, can-

cer biology, environmental microbiology, protein science and biotechnology.

The department recognises the importance of internationalisation, and is currently developing strong collaborations with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The main aims of the Department of Biosciences are to promote research excellence, foster collaborations with other universities and industry and provide first class teaching to undergraduate and postgraduate students from all over the world in preparation for their professional careers.

Biosciences graduates from Kent have a bright future and can choose from the leading pharmaceutical and biotechnological companies in the world.

Whether students are interested in a career in the health services, the application of biotechnology or how biology influences our daily life, the Department of Biosciences at Kent is able to provide a groundbreaking and supportive environment in which to study.

Additionally, there are also various student societies to allow students to be continuously inspired by the numerous social and academic opportunities offered by the university.

"The lecturers are very helpful and I especially like their innovative teaching techniques. The teaching syllabus is also different from other British universities. Even though I study a biology course, I am also exposed to other medical-related courses I find really enjoyable and exciting," said Kasdi.

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Fun time: The university has a long history of welcoming international students from around the world.