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University of Kent's international experience

MALAYSIAN students are flying the flag at what is recognised as "the UK's only international university" — University of Kent.

Mohd Fadhil Masron and Kasdi Kamin have embraced the international atmosphere at the university.

"The University of Kent is unique," said Mohd Fadhil.

"It has many European students and is a peaceful and convenient place to study," he said.

Both students have made friends from around the world and have been enjoying the university's central location.

"It is just 90 minutes away from London and it is also the main gateway to Europe. So for those like me who want to travel and learn about other cultures, Kent is the perfect place to be," said Kasdi.

Kent is also a two-hour train ride from Brussels or Paris. This makes it easier for students to visit the European Parliament or the Eiffel Tower in their spare time. Closer to home, the town of Canterbury combines modern shopping centres with historic places, all within walking distance from the university.

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

Mohd Fadhil and Kasdi are part of a 17,000 student community with over 20 per

cent of 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 from a range of accommodation, from shared houses with catering facilities to modern study bedrooms, all with Internet access.

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University of Kent has the perfect setting for students wanting to further their studies in Britain.

University of Kent a great place to study

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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 Mohd Fadhil. The duo are Biosciences students.

The programme involves the study of Cell Biology and Development, Infectious Diseases, Cancer Biology, Environmental Microbiology, Protein Science and Biotechnology.

The Department of Biosciences 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 their final year projects, students like Mohd Fadhil and Kasdi will be part of a scientific research team using cutting-edge technology to create scientific knowledge. One of the major commitments in the Department of Biosciences is to train students in preparation for their professional careers.

Bioscience graduates from Kent have a bright future and can

choose from the leading pharmaceutical and biotechnological companies in the world as well as breakthrough research in the UK and beyond.

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

For now, our Malaysian friends at Kent can take part in various student societies, including the Society for Islamic Studies, Bioscience Society and the Caving Club, and continue to be inspired by the numerous social and academic opportunities offered by the University of Kent.

"The lecturers are very helpful and I especially like their innovative teaching techniques," said Kasdi.

"The teaching syllabus is also different from other UK universities. Even though I study a biology course, I am also exposed to other medical-related courses, which I find enjoyable and exciting."

"I highly recommend my fellow Malaysian students to study at University of Kent," he added.

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