

31st International Summer Workshop for Teachers of English, Japan.

Puan Harbans was offered a scholarship to attend this workshop from 6 - 14 August 1999. The Language Institute of Japan, (LIOJ) which sponsored her trip, organized the workshop. She represented MELTA and was one of the six Asian scholars. This workshop has been an annual event since 1968 and this is the first time Malaysia has been given the honor to attend.

According to Puan Harbans, the workshop was "very inspiring, informative and educational". She presented two papers; "*The Teaching of English in the Malaysian Context*" and "*The Use of Activities to Enhance Vocabulary*". Among the presenters were prominent writers such as Alan Maley, Kathleen Kiatoo, Peter Watcyn-Jones, and Kathleen Graves.

Morning classes were held for the whole week. A wide variety of practical ideas and activities were shared. In total, there were 50 presentations. The highlight of the workshop was International Night which was attended by 75 Japanese teachers of English as well as foreign guest speakers. Booths exhibited interesting aspects of global cultures, performances and exciting places to visit. Puan Harbans manned the Malaysian booth which had a rich display of posters, and travel advertisements.

The pictures below show Puan Harbans with her Japanese hosts (1) with Kip Cates (2) and her Morning Class Group (3).

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