



Brief Report on the Universiti Malaya Postgraduate Student Visit

Faculty of Dentistry, Niigata University

June 1–5, 2026

In June 2026, postgraduate students from the Faculty of Dentistry at University of Malaya visited the Faculty of Dentistry, Niigata University for a five-day academic exchange program. The program was hosted by the Division of Preventive Dentistry and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Translation of Oral Health Science, together with the Division of Dysphagia Rehabilitation, Faculty of Dentistry, Niigata University.

The program was designed to foster academic collaboration, enhance research competencies, and promote cultural exchange between the two universities. During the visit, the participants attended a series of lectures delivered by faculty members from Niigata University. The students also participated in hospital and laboratory tours, which provided valuable opportunities to observe clinical and research activities.

The program also included research presentation sessions by postgraduate students from the University of Malaya and Niigata University. These sessions encouraged active discussion, exchange of research ideas, and constructive feedback among students and faculty members. The participants also joined field visits to a kindergarten and a community health center, where they were able to learn about oral health promotion activities and community-based preventive approaches in Japan. These visits provided practical insights into how oral health education and preventive strategies are implemented in local settings.

The program also included a Niigata City tour and networking opportunities, including a mini party, which promoted friendship and cultural exchange among students and faculty members. Overall, the five-day visit successfully provided a meaningful platform for academic learning, research exchange, professional networking, and intercultural understanding. It is expected that this program will contribute significantly to the academic and personal development of the participating students and further strengthen future collaboration between Niigata University and the University of Malaya.

Schedule of the Program:

	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	
	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM		Notes
1 June 2026 (Mon)	Arrival and Check-in at Niigata				Niigata City Tour			
2 June 2026 (Tue)	Dysphagia lecture (Inoue)		Lunch Break	Hospital tour (Dysphagia)		Laboratory tour (Dysphagia)		
3 June 2026 (Wed)	Lecture (Kaung)	Mitake Kindergarten (Kaung)		Lunch Break	Lecture (Minagawa)	Research presentation (Malaya 2 students)		
4 June 2026 (Thurs)	Health center* (Ogawa, Kaung)		Lunch Break	Lecture (Hoshino)	Lecture (Okubo)	Research presentation (Malaya 2 students)		Mini party (18:00 –)
5 June 2026 (Fri)	Research presentation (Kaung & Olenka)	Research presentation (Malaya 2 students)	Lunch Break	Research presentation (Natcha & Phue)	Lecture (Takehara)	Research presentation (Malaya 2 students)		

*A visit to a health center will be from 8:40 AM.

Reference Photos:



Photo 1. Greetings and Lecture by Dean of Faculty of Dentistry at Niigata University



Photo 2. Observation for Annual Dental Check-up of Preschool Children



Photo 3 (a, b). Kindergarten Visit for Fluoride Mouth Rinsing Program



Photo 4 (a, b). Research Presentations



Photo 5 (a, b). Community Health Center Visit



Photo 6. Social Gathering



Photo 7. Memorable Photo