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## PSU's Student Development: Backpacking Trip to ASEAN



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- In order to promote students to become global citizens having 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, especially internalization (able to communicate, understand multi-culture and confidently mobilize abroad)
- PSU's University policy: requires third year students to have a chance to go abroad, at least once while they are studying in the university.
- This policy was first launched in 2017.



• The university selects Malaysia and Singapore as destinations because of three main reasons:

- ✓ neighboring countries with low cost to travel
- ✓ convenient transportation with safety
  - ✓ both are developed countries





# Expected Outcomes

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- Students are able to learn ASEAN countries in term of society, culture and economy.
- Student can develop their international competency through direct experience travelling abroad.



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- **International competency includes**
  - learning languages: English, Bahasa Malay, and Chinese
  - real problem-solving
  - learning multi-culture





# • Student Orientation



preparation before travelling



basic information about the country



assignment: what they should learn



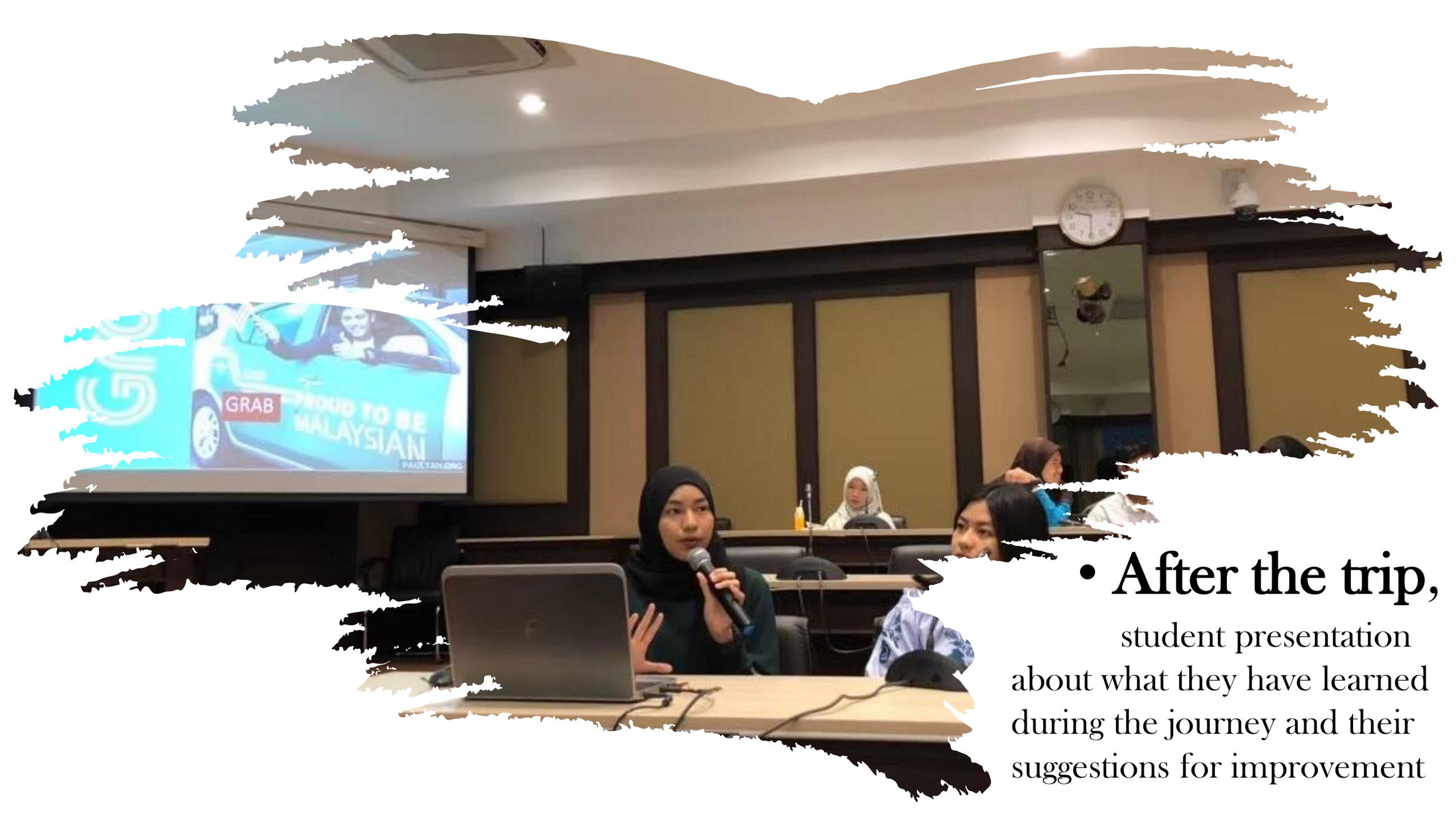
students make their own travel plans



# • Travelling

- ✓ Lead students to a meeting point and students travel according to their plans as backpackers.
- ✓ Students have to go back to the assembly point within the arranged time.
- ✓ Students who fail to do so have to go back on their own.





- **After the trip,**  
student presentation  
about what they have learned  
during the journey and their  
suggestions for improvement



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- From the students' evaluation, students have a high level of satisfaction.
- However, they suggested travelling to other countries, such as South Korea or Japan.



# Students' evaluation and reflection

- From students' reflection, most students said that this program inspire them to travel to other countries as backpackers in the future.
- They have more confident to travel.
- Some say that they have to improve their language.

# Thank you

for your attentions

