

# The Scholarship Granted by the DSKL has Opened Up a Fabulous Opportunity

The German School Kuala Lumpur (DSKL) has yet again been awarded the quality label "Excellent German School Abroad" offering secondary school students for the 4th consecutive year a successful guest students programme. 11 students from Germany have since passed the German International Abitur Examination (DIAP) at the DSKL. Numerous applications received by the DSKL are the proof of popularity of the scholarship granted for students to come to Malaysia.

One of the reasons to introduce this programme was the small number of upper secondary high school students. In 2010 only five students attended grade 11. Some students after having successfully passed grade 10 changed to other schools, because to work in such a small group did not appear very attractive to them. The relevant promoting institutions and agencies then had indicated that schools with less than 10 high school graduates might lose their financial support for the qualification phase.

Introducing chemistry as an alternative option to French made the DSKL more attractive not only for the students of the DSKL but also for secondary students from Germany and that paved the way for recruiting students from Germany, thus letting them experience globalization. That was how the guest students programme started.

Since 2011, every August, which is also the beginning of the school year, DSKL grants a full scholarship for two years and up to four partial scholarships as provisions made in the guest students programme. Students with good academic performances and special musical, social or sportive achievements and talents have a good chance to be granted a scholarship.

The project is merely financed by donations from German or international companies who have agreed to a long-term sponsorship. The programme not only is an enrichment in the field of linguistics and academics, it also broadens the students' minds on the social and cultural level.

## Education

The DSKL, having an enrolment of about 200 students, is one of the smaller German schools abroad in South East Asia, resulting in small classes and excellent learning conditions, particularly for the upper secondary students. Subjects are taught in the English and German languages. Many students of the DSKL have English as their mother tongue. So both the DSKL students and the guest students benefit from each other.

The scholarship holders complete the last two years of their school career at the DSKL by passing the German International Abitur Examination. This school-leaving qualification enables the students to study at any German as well as English universities and facilitates the access to English speaking field of studies.



Yannick Gräf,  
guest student at  
the DSKL, 12.

*"The scholarship granted by the DSKL has opened up a fabulous opportunity for me. I got to know a new country and a new culture and have personally developed further. The atmosphere in the school is very multi-cultural and the relation between students and teachers is quite close, partly a result of*

*the small classes. The DSKL is an important part of my school career and I am glad to be able to do the DIAP at this school."*

## Outside school

The guest students can choose whether they want to stay with a family or live in a supervised flat-sharing community. Thus they get to know not only the daily life in school but also the daily life of a family in Malaysia.

Moreover all the students want to discover Malaysia and enhance their English language skills and have the chance to learn about other cultures, habits and customs. Many students take the opportunity to spend their holidays in Malaysia together with their new friends and get to know more about the country and the people. They learn to live with people of different religions and cultures, precious experiences for their future.



Jule Kemmerer,  
guest student at  
the DSKL, 11.

*"I like staying in Malaysia. People are very friendly and I like to make contact with them. Furthermore, I like some of the Malaysian dishes that are new to me. My host family is very nice, too. The teachers of the school are friendly and support the students. In my opinion it was a good decision to leave Germany for a while and make a completely new experience."*

More information about the guest students program you'll find here:  
[www.dskl.edu.my](http://www.dskl.edu.my)