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## **Panasonic Scholarship for Malaysian Students**

**Kuala Lumpur, 5 November 2009** – Panasonic Corporation (PC) formerly known as Matsushita Electric Industries - the manufacturer of Panasonic products, launched the Panasonic Scholarship Scheme in 1998 for graduate students, from Malaysia and other Asian countries wishing to pursue their master's course in Japan.

Panasonic Scholarship provides promising students from these countries good opportunity to do research at universities in Japan and thus enable them to contribute to the development of their respective countries and to promote friendship between these countries and Japan in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The scholarship is in its twelfth year now. From 1998 to 2009, thirty-eight candidates in total have been selected from Malaysia.

Thirty one students from the first to ninth batches of the Panasonic Scholarship recipients have completed their studies and obtained their Master's Degree.

Nine of these graduates are now lecturing in local universities, six have joined the private sector in Malaysia, and another nine have stayed on in Japan and are working with Japanese companies including Panasonic. Four of these graduates are furthering their studies at university in Japan and one is studying in Germany to obtain his PhD.

The ninth batch of students is in the final year of their master's program. The tenth batch of students is in the first year of master's program having passed their entrance examination and the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. The eleventh batch of students is currently at various Japanese Universities as research students and also preparing for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

This year, the twelfth batch comprising of two more Malaysian candidates have been selected to receive the Panasonic Scholarship for year 2010.

An applicant for the 2010 Panasonic Scholarship must be a Malaysian citizen and have graduated with a bachelor's degree not more than four years as of the application due date (or a student who is graduated in 2009). His / her study major must be in the fields of Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Bio-Technology. (Note: Except Medical Science, Pharmacology and Dentistry). He / she is required to be interested in and have the desire to contribute to the development of Malaysia and to promote friendship between Malaysia and Japan. After the process of selection, which includes interviews, two successful candidates will be awarded a three-year scholarship.

The two scholarship recipients will learn Japanese Language and complete a two-year master's course. Details are as below:-

- a) Year One: The candidates learn Japanese language at institutes and simultaneously enroll as research students at universities in Japan.
- b) Year Two & Three: The candidates will register and complete the masters program in Japan.

The two Panasonic Scholarship recipients for 2010 are:

- i) **Mr. Chan Poh Kam from University Technology Malaysia**
- ii) **Ms. Subhashini Raj Kumal from University Malaya**

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Best known by its Panasonic brand name, Panasonic Corporation based in Osaka, Japan is a worldwide leader in the development and manufacture of electronic products for a wide range of consumer, business, and industrial needs.

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