

Enriching Malaysian experience

EIGHT international students from Ghana, Fiji, China and Indonesia recently participated in an international student exchange programme organised jointly by Inti College and Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur.

The programme was aimed at providing the students with an enriching experience of staying with local families in the Klang Valley.

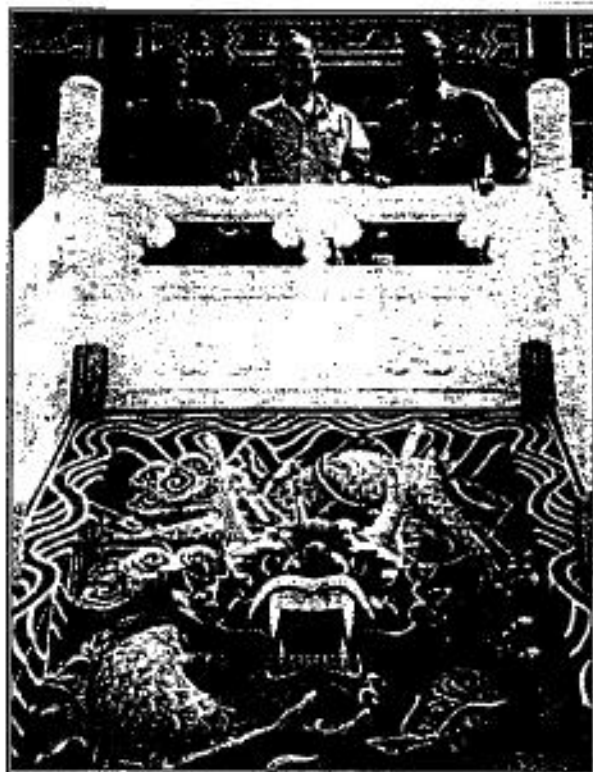
Held over the Chinese New Year period in February, the programme seemed to go down well with the students.

Augustine Abotsi and Raphael Tawiah from Ghana both stayed with a family in Bandar Utama and were grateful for the warmth and hospitality that they received throughout their stay.

Raphael, 23, who is pursuing the American University Programme, came to Malaysia last year and expected to find a conservative Muslim society. He was rather surprised to find that Kuala Lumpur was a modern cosmopolitan city.

Olivia Vuki, 17, from Fiji and Audrey Selassi Aheto from Ghana were the guests of a young couple in Kuala Lumpur. Olivia found her experience interesting and different as it was the first time that she had encountered Buddhism and the famous Lion Dance.

Audrey felt that Malaysia was over-developed but was thankful that the exchange programme provided her with the opportunity to learn many things about



EYE-OPENING VISIT: Augustine (left) and Raphael with their host uncle at a Chinese temple

the country and its people.

Augustine said: "I would like to participate in similar programmes in future but the next time around, I hope to experience Malaysian life on an island over Christmas."

Koh Yit Fong, senior executive from the Student Affairs Office at Inti College in Subang Jaya said that the feedback had been positive and hoped that the students would treasure their memories of Malaysia.