

How to Make the Most out of the Education Fair:

Before the Fair:

- Research the universities that are in attendance, create a list of your top 10 schools to visit at the fair
- Choose which speakers you will attend
- Determine the most important factors to you in choosing a university:
 - o Location, courses offered, sports/activities, international student population, internship/job opportunities on campus, size of the school, scholarships, social life, religion, resources on campus, transportation
- Create a list of questions for the university representatives. Try to ask questions that the university website cannot answer
- Be willing to tell the representatives about what you want in a university
- Print your resume (just in case)

During the Fair:

- Ask productive questions. The fair will be busy, so be sure to have your questions ready for the representatives. Ask questions that you are unable to answer via the internet. Show the representatives that you have done your research.
- Take notes. You will be talking to a lot of different representatives, you don't want to go home and forget which one was which.
- Listen. Sometimes the space around the representative will be crowded. In order to accommodate all students, the representative will give a small speech about their school. Listen and take notes. If you have follow-up questions, wait for the proper time to ask
- Sign up for the email lists of schools that interest you
- Possible questions to ask:
 - o **Activities:**
 - Do you have _____ activity/club/sport?
 - How do I find out which clubs/organizations to join? Is there an informational fair regarding these groups?
 - Do you have a Malaysian student association? If so how active are they on campus?
 - Do you have any international events/clubs on campus?
 - o **Alumni:**
 - What percentage of alumni are admitted to graduate school? Which schools are the most popular?
 - Do you have any notable alumni that I would know?
 - Are alumni actively involved in campus?
 - Do the alumni do any sort of mentoring to the current students?
 - o **Application:**
 - When is the application for first year students due?
 - Do you have spring and fall admission?
 - Do you accept international transfer students? If so, how do I know which credits will transfer?
 - In your opinion, what is the most important aspect of the application?
 - Is the SAT/ACT required? What about TOEFL/IELTS?
 - o **Courses offered:**
 - Do you have any special courses required of first year students?

- What core courses are offered in your first year?
- Do many students do a double major?
- What are your most popular majors/minors?
- If I am unsure of what I want to study, will the university help me figure it out?
- When am I required to declare my major?
- Do most students graduate in 4 years?
- Do you offer interest groups for your first year students? More like small groups for students to settle in a new campus.
- **Finances:**
 - What type of financial aid do you offer to international students?
 - What percentage of students receive financial aid?
 - How do I apply for financial aid?
- **Living Accommodations:**
 - What kind of transportation is available to international students?
 - What type of housing does the university provide?
 - Are the dorms separated by gender?
 - How do I find a roommate my first year? Can I live with a friend from home?
 - What types of food options do you have on campus?
 - Must I buy a meal plan?
 - Can I cook in my dorm room?
 - How is the living cost in the area?
- **Resources:**
 - What resources do you offer for international students?
 - What type of academic support do you offer to students?
 - What other support systems does your university have in place?
- **Student Body:**
 - What is the campus size?
 - What is the teacher/student ratio?
 - Does this school have teaching assistants or do professors teach all of the undergraduate classes?
 - Does the campus have any special accommodations for students with disabilities?
 - What is different about the students on your campus?
 - What do you like about the students/campus?
 - What type of student fits in well on your campus?
 - What is the percentage of international student on your campus?

After the Fair:

- Go through your notes and organize them based on which schools you are most interested in
- If you made a good connection with a representative, send them a follow-up email to thank him/her for coming to the fair
- Keep a look out for informational e-mails from the universities. Respond to them appropriately