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The participants with the certificate of attendance.

Sabahan among 16 participants of agriculture seminar in Tokyo

KOTA KINABALU: Two Malaysians were among 16 participants from 12 countries selected to participate in the “Multicountry Observational Study Mission on Best Practices in Promoting Innovation and Productivity in Agriculture” seminar.

The seminar was organised by Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) and held at its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan from Sep 8 to Sep 15.

Sinar Harian senior officer cum editor Anita Abu Hassan of Kuala Lumpur and freelance writer Lorena Binisol of Kota Kinabalu attended the 8-day workshops which discussed various topics. They also had site visits in and outside of Tokyo.

Director of APO Joselito Bernado in welcoming all participants said he hoped that they would gain knowledge from the seminar and be able to write articles based on their visits there.

“This is the first time APO had organised this programme for avid writers like you. I hope that we would be able to work together to promote our mission which is to help one another (developing countries) and to assist them by bringing out issues pertaining agriculture and environment among others, through your writings,” he said.

Pann Khevamthakna, 26, of Cambodia said that it was an eye opener to him as the seminar is related to his work as a TV produc-

er in his country.

“It was a pleasant surprise for being chosen to be in this seminar. I guess my hard work last has paid off, after APO saw the documentary I produced on the villages in my hometown,” said Pann.

Participating countries include Pakistan, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Laos and Malaysia.

APO mission is to contribute to the socio-economic development of Asia and the Pacific through enhancing productivity. Its vision is to be the leading organisation for enhancing productivity, enabling APO economies to be more productive and competitive by 2020.