# **ADVICE & TIPS WHEN TRAVELLING TO MALAYSIA**

### Can I fly in as a tourist on a "Social Pass" for study purposes?

No! This is not permitted. The Malaysian Immigration Department requires <u>all</u> international students (fulltime and exchange students) to have a **valid Student Pass (visa) to study in Malaysia**.

## When do I need to apply for Single Entry Visa?

Foreign students who receive a Visa Approval Letter (VAL) or Electronic Visa Approval Letter (eVAL) have to obtain a Single Entry Visa (SEV) from a Malaysian diplomatic office before entering Malaysia. It is advisable to always print and bring a hard copy of the VAL / e-VAL when you arrive.

However, certain countries do not require a SEV to enter Malaysia, but you may enter Malaysia when you show the VAL or eVAL printout. Failure to produce a VAL/eVAL may result in you not being allowed to enter the country.

Source: http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country

### What should I do after I have obtained my Single Entry Visa (SEV)?

You may plan your travel to Malaysia. You <u>MUST NOT</u> enter Malaysia earlier than **2 weeks** before your program orientation date.

#### SEV is not approved in time when the program starts

If your SEV is not approved in time, you may have to transfer to next available intake. Remember to email the **AIRPORT ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION** form so we can organise your pickup and clearance at the Malaysian Immigration Dept checkpoint.

Please ensure that you have paid the initial advance fee (refer to your fee structure "*IMPORTANT Notes No.1*") in order to avoid financial problems while you are in Malaysia.

#### What should I do once I have reached KLIA?

When you arrive head to the IMMIGRATION checkpoints (located next to immigration counters), you must present your Visa Approval Letter (VAL or e-VAL) and Sunway's program Offer letter.

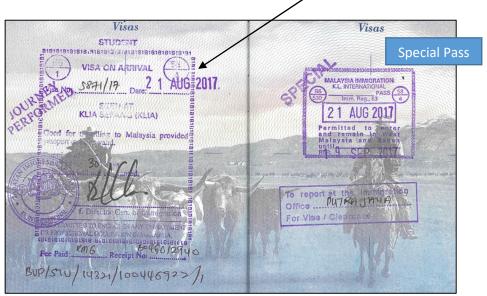
Please make sure there is a <u>Special Pass</u> stamp in your passport, or if you are not sure, please check with the person who is pickup you up at the airport. If you encounter any issues at the Immigration Checkpoint, contact our Airport Arrival Hotline (<u>+6019-3588692</u>).

Come to IO at the campus on the **next working day for a pre-orientation briefing**.

Attachment 1: Entering with a Single Entry Visa (SEV)



Attachment 2: Entering Malaysia to apply for a <u>VISA ON ARRIVAL</u> at the "VISA ON ARRIVAL COUNTER" at the airport.



Attachment 3: Entering Malaysia without Single Entry Visa and Visa On Arrival

