

COMPLETION REPORT

Study on the Well-Being of Japanese Retirees in Malaysia

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The pioneer study on the well-being of Japanese retirees in Malaysia revealed that the well-being composite score of Japanese retirees stood at 56.3%. This figure showed that based on *The Cantril Ladder Scale* the Japanese retirees in Malaysia are neither thriving nor suffering. This result further confirmed that the Japanese retirees are having a moderate life living in Malaysia and this contributed to the trend of Japanese to make Malaysia as their retirement destination for the past years. Further investigation revealed that the factors that contributed enormously to the positive well-being of these retirees were related to social relationships, spiritual and economic. On the other hand, much improvement is needed on the factors pertaining to health, political, and physical facilities that are available in the host nation. Theoretically, this study confirms the fact that the measurement of holistic well-being can be accounted for through the summative scores of both objective and subjective well-being dimensions. The outcome of the study further confirmed the fact that these retirees are experiencing a moderate level of well-being and more efforts should be taken to bring them to the level of thriving. It is evident from the findings that to boost the holistic well-being of Japanese retirees in Malaysia, the various Japanese organizations in Malaysia could help to enhance the skills of these retirees via get-together sessions. Since the Malaysian politics was facing some problems lately, the study confirmed the fact that the Japanese retirees are concerned about the political situation in Malaysia as they perceive as unstable. Besides, it is prevalent that the Japanese retirees living in Malaysia are very much dependable on the sound public transportation facilities in Malaysia. Undeniably, the Japanese retirees felt that the public transportation in Malaysia could be further improved to ease their mobility from one area to another. The study also reconfirmed that further studies on well-being should focus to enhance the health status of Japanese retirees in Malaysia. The study revealed that 63.7% of these Japanese retirees slightly agreed that they have a good health status in accordance with their age. As these Japanese retirees grow older and living in foreign soil, the study reconfirmed that the knowledge and practice regarding health among Japanese retirees living in Malaysia needed further studies. Despite some limitations in the study, the findings provide some insights for policy-makers and other interested organizations to take proactive measures that will further enhance the holistic well-being of Japanese retirees residing in Malaysia as well as boosting of longer-stay of international tourists in Malaysian soil.

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