Bio

Name
Chris Kelly
Country of Origin
USA
Company
Intel Corporation
Position **General Manager, Malaysia Design Center**
Years in Malaysia
3.5

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With 17 years of experience working at a world-leading company in computing innovation, Intel, in the United States, Chris Kelly jumped at the offer to help manage and guide the company's world-class design centre in Malaysia in October 2011. Now, he is responsible for nearly 2,000 engineers conducting research and development for various Intel products.

Would you encourage foreign talent to seek employment in Malaysia?

Absolutely. I believe that Malaysia is a destination for engineering professionals, offering a vibrant eco-system, great career opportunities, and a chance to participate in the growing electronics sector. Additionally, Malaysia offers a welcoming, multi-cultural environment to raise a family, excellent school options, a relatively low cost of living, and wonderful weather.

How do you rate the employability of local talent?

Intel has taken part in TalentCorp's FasTrack programme since its inception and we are regular participants at the GRADUAN career fairs held around the world. Through nearly 25 years of successful design and development work here we know that Malaysia offers R&D talent to match anywhere else in the world. We hire over 200 fresh college graduates every year in the Design Center and we can put our Malaysia talent toe-for-toe with other geographies in terms of productivity, knowledge, and innovation. Increasingly, we see Intel Malaysia as a destination employer for Malaysians studying abroad and wishing to return home.

What do you tell Malaysians you meet at career fairs abroad?

Our message is simple – Malaysia is in the heart of the fastest growing market for electronics products in the world, and Intel in Malaysia offers the best place to start a career for those with a passion for technology. We have a multi-cultural understanding of how to win in markets from South Asia to East Asia, and we have the language skills to bridge the gaps in global supply chains. Malaysia offers an ideal geographical position to be able to see how emerging markets are developing and have a chance to impact them positively.

What motivates you to upskill Malaysian students?

At Intel, our Design Center must compete with other sites within our company and we must win in a fierce competitive environment in our industry. Upskilling programmes help us get the most out of recent college graduates as quickly in their careers as possible to improve their productivity, and ultimately, their employability. We know we have the talent to compete globally in Malaysia and that our upskilling programmes help add a practical element to a university education.

What do you think of TalentCorp's Residence Pass-Talent (RP-T) programme?

A wonderful way for longer term expatriates to have additional certainty of employment and residence status in the country. It is a sign that Malaysia understands the global market for talent and is making substantial changes in policy to attract and retain talented individuals to work here.

The RP-T enables highly qualified expatriates to continue residing and working in Malaysia for up to ten years. As it is personal to holder, it provides greater flexibility in terms of employment. The RP-T is also extended to spouses and children (below 18 years old) of successful applicants, allowing their spouses to seek employment in Malaysia. Find out more about the RP-T at www.talentcorp.com.my.