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Icelander happy to tour George Town

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FOR Saga Davidsdottir, an exchange student from Iceland, the most impressive scenery in Penang is the heritage site in George Town.

The 22-year-old Information Technology (IT) student, who is in Malaysia for the first time, said the heritage buildings were well-maintained and remained historical after some refurbishment.

Davidsdottir was brought to George Town heritage areas and tourist spots around Penang throughout her one-month stay here.

She was among the 19 students from 14 countries to participate in a RED Wave Initiative and Cultural Understanding Through Exchange (CUTE) 'out campus' projects.

The project was aimed at promoting HIV/AIDS

awareness.

The students also met with Deputy Chief Minister II Dr P. Ramasamy to learn about the local political, economic and education systems in Komtar on Wednesday.

Business student Elias Josue Rivera from Honduras said he plans to set up a business in Penang as it is a well-developed state.

"I am interested to start my career here as I see a progressive economy here," he said.

The programme was organised by global youth organisation AIESEC which is based at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).

The students would also hold exhibitions and a series of talks in Han Chiang College later.

The participating countries included Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Peru, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Taiwan and Vietnam.

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Warm welcome: Dr Ramasamy sharing a light moment with German student Mareike Polzer, 22 (right), and other foreign students in George Town.