SINGAPORE: A group of students from the Singapore Management University will embark on a week-long study mission to the Middle East, namely Qatar and UAE, as part of their Global Regional Studies course requirement.

As preparation for the trip, the 32 students attended seminars and talks by representatives from the Gulf region.

The latest being UAE’s Minister Plenipotentiary from the embassy in Singapore, Mr Asim Mirza Al Rahmah and Miss Marlene Lee, representative in the Far East for the Government of Dubai, as well as first-hand experience from a businessman who has traded in the Middle East for the past seven years.

The visit, starting on May 20, will allow students to learn the planning and operations of several tourism and business developments.

It will also give them insight to the region’s business practices, culture and social system.

The mission is SMU’s first to the Middle East, after previous ones to Latin America, China and India, among others.

Christina Tan, Third Year Student at SMU, said: “We got the opportunity to learn about the culture, the legal aspects, the economic and social political aspects of the UAE, and this will bring us a more first-hand experience of doing business in UAE.” - CNA/de