

UMP STRENGTHENS BILATERAL TIES WITH UOS

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Centre of Earth Resources and Research Management (CERRM) organised a research trip to University of Seoul (UoS), South Korea on April 20, 2012.

The visit was in line with UMP's vision in becoming a world-class technology university.

Led by CERRM Director, Dr. Wan Mohd Faizal Wan Ishak, the trip was made possible following a collaboration established between UoS and UMP during a seminar on river health management in Kuala Lumpur recently.

Delegate members included officers from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

They received warm reception from UoS president Professor Dr. Kun Lee.

Dr. Wan Faizal said CERRM, which was one of the excellent centres in UMP, was responsible in collectively developing research and building up consultation between the university and industries.

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well as twinning programme.

"The understanding aspect that was evident will pave the way for valuable outcomes based on the bilateral ties that existed between the two universities," he said.

Dr. Wan Faizal said for a start, CERRM would focus on environmental technology field relating to online river water quality monitoring research project led by Professor Kim Hyunook from Environment Engineering Department, UoS.

The delegation also visited LOC Station in Paldang Dam that used a tank, built underground, to store sewage water from a livestock farm.

Dr. Wan said tools used to measure the sewage water like the ones used in the station would be brought back to UMP and a series of related studies would be carried out.

He added that the studies were related to the joint research works between the two universities.

Dr. Wan Faizal also hoped that the visit to IPO Weir and Yeoju Weir, which were two of the four major South Korea river projects, would be used as a benchmark for future research projects on river rehabilitation in Malaysia.



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