

**11-16 Oct 2009.** The new CMLHS management team recently set off on a working trip to China to visit the School of Foreign Languages of South Central University for Nationalities (SCUN), Wuhan. Leading the delegation was the newly appointed Dean of CMLHS, Prof. Dr. Abd. Jalil bin Borham, accompanied by the Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Munira Abdul Razak, Wan Jumani Fauzi, the Head of Department of Modern Languages and Mohd. Iszuani Mohd Hassan, the Head of Department of Foreign Languages.

The visit aims were to foster continuous good relationship between UMP and SCUN, as well as to share ideas and information to gain an insight on the possibilities of similar programmes offered by both universities. The delegates looked into the teaching and learning practised by SCUN as a benchmark to review courses offered by the centre.

CMLHS associates received a warm welcome from Prof. Dr. Ruan Zhijian, Director of International Relations and Zhang Lifang, an officer from the International Relations Office. Following an enlightening discussion with academicians from the School of Foreign Languages namely Ding Xia Shang, Simon Lee, and Fanny Li, the UMP representatives were later brought to observe a class in session. A discussion with Prof. Dr. Ha Chen Li, Prof. Dr. Lee An Hui, Prof. Khong Lee Hui and Prof. Chang Cheng, School of Ethnology and Sociology, was carried out pertaining to possible research collaborations as well as staff exchange. In transit to Wuhan, the delegates managed to make a brief but fruitful visit to the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of Tsinghua University, Beijing.

The visit was a great success and the delegates felt very welcomed by the warmth and hospitality of the host university. It is hoped that the next UMP students cultural visit to SCUN in December would have an equally memorable and rewarding experience.



## Establishing Rapport: A visit to China

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