



UMP-CHINA Connection

In line with the University's Strategic Planning, a delegation from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) headed by the Vice-Chancellor, Yang Hormat Profesor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim visited China from 17th - 23rd March recently.

Accompanying him were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Dr. Sabarudin Mohd, Dean of the Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering, Associate Profesor Zulkafli Hassan and Senior Assistant Registrar of International Office, Arman A.Rahim.

One of the objective of the visit is to sign a memorandum of understanding with three univesities in the country namely Beijing International Studies University (BISU), Hebei Normal University (HNU) dan Xi'an Shiyou University (XSU).

Also, a discussion regarding some collaboration projects between UMP and the three universities has also taken place during the visit.

The delegation started off their visit at Beijing International Studies University where both parties agreed to undertake an academic collaboration project.

A number of UMP academic programme at the Bachelor's Degree level will be conducted together with BISU using the 1.5+3 method.

The programme is targeted to start as early as 2010. In addition, the delegation also had the opportunity to interview around 20 postgraduate candidates the country.

They are interested in pursuing their Masters and Doctoral Degree in Malaysia. As a result, a few of them has been invited to send in their research proposal and application to UMP.

The delegation then moved to Shinjiazuang, Hebei. A discussion with Hebei Normal University resulted in an agreement by both Universities to establish a Confucius Institute for Mandarin Language at UMP.

The institute will be run by both Universities and is backed by the China government. It is estimated that the centre will be starting its operation in 2010.

From Shinjiazuang, Hebei, the delegation moved on to the ancient capital of China, the city of Xi'an. At Xi'an Shiyou University, a discussion between both Universities was centred at academic staff and students exchange programme and also towards chemical engineering and petroleum programmes.

In order to get more information and conduct further discussion between both parties, Associate Professor Zulkafli Hassan has been invited to stay an extra one week at the university from 23rd - 29th March.



During his extended stay at XSU, Associate Prof Zulkafli has been able to visit the facilities at the chemical engineering and petroleum faculties as well as meeting key personnel in that particular field.

As a conclusion, the visit to China has been successful in strengthening the relationship between UMP and our partner universities in the country. There is no doubt that UMP has take a step forward in realising its internationalisation agenda.

Apart from the three Universities visited by the delegation, UMP also has tues with two other Universities from China namely South Central University of Nationalities (SCUN) di Wuhan dan Xinjiang University di Urumqi. Currently, there are around 40 students from China pursuing their studies at the Bachelor's Degree and postgraduate level.