





INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY 2019

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etween October 2019 and January 2020, UiTM Branch Sarawak hosted a group of lecturers from Zhejiang Agriculture and Business College (ZABC), China. ZABC has an ongoing Belt and Road Initiative collaboration with Beijing Wuzi Universitiy (BWU). Through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sealed with the latter in September 2019, nine lecturers arrived in our Campus in October 2019 on an international mobility program. During their three months stint here, Office of International Affairs (OIA) UiTM Sarawak Branch received tremendous support from the top management of UiTM Sarawak Branch and a number of lecturers who agreed to have them sit in in their classes for the nine lecturers to experience the people, language and culture.

These nine lecturers were Wang Liping, Guo Zhenfeng, Hu Minggi, Geng Fangmei, Sun Peipei, Zheng Siyang, Zeng Linghua, Sun Wenming and Jiang Sunquan. Their first classes were Strategic Management (Professor Dato Jamil Haji Hamali) and Service Marketing (Associate Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah) on the weekend they arrived. Throughout their three months attachment here, they frequently satin in Marketing Research classes (Prof Dr Voon Boo Ho), Talent Management and Leadership, Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior classes (Dr Ellen Chung), Statistical Package for Social Sciences classes (Associate Professor Dr. Norlina Mohamed Noor). They also sat in in other classes by Associate Professor Dr. Jennifer Janang, Associate Professor Dr Corina Joseph, Associate Professor Dr Abdul Rahman Saili, Dr Tamoi



Janggu, Dr. Norseha Unin, Dr. John Francis, Dr Azilawati Banchit, Dr Susan Hydra Sikayu, Dr Nurhani Aba Ibrahim, Dr Kuan Siaw Vui, Dr Caesar Dealwis, Madam Ng Kui Choo, Madam Valerie Chan, Madam Jacinta Teo, Madam Ch'ng Looi Ching, Madam Patricia Jussem, and Madam Zalina Ibrahim. Apart from sittingin in the lectures, several of our lecturers were also invited to be judges for student programs such as Mandarin activities (Madam Wee Sheau Ping and team), Entrepreneurship and Innovation competition (Associate Professor Dr. Jati Kasuma Ali), Economics video clips competition (Dr Ting Siew King).

Apart from learning from us, they also shared their own experience and knowledge with our students and lecturers. Guo Zhenfeng shared umpteen times about internet finance and cashless society in China. His sharing on payments made via WeChat pay, UnionPay and other forms of payment was an eyeopener for our students and staff alike. Sun Peipei demonstrated the art of making and serving tea. She also explained the various types of tea leaves and their benefits to our body. Wang Liping shared about Taxation in China while Zheng Siyang shared about the various Chinese cuisine during festivals in China.

Academic learning and exchanges aside, they also had fun in the sun. They experienced Sarawak Cultural Village, Damai Beach, Batik painting at Handicraft Corporation, Annah Rais Longhouse, Kampung Belimbing Besi longhouse at Sebuyau Ecotourism, Crab incubator at Kampung Salak, post-harvest activity in Sekitung Sebangan Village, Serian. They also participated in several activities such as Entrepreneurship Carnival, Administrative Science Carnival, Shanghai Night Dean's List Dinner, PESKO for the 91st Convocation, Musical Theatre by the Accounting students, Cultural dances with Kumpulan Budaya UiTM Sarawak, and many more.

Their three months ended in January and they have since gone back to China. Before they left, we hosted a farewell dinner for them and gave souvenirs for them to bring home. We hope to have more of such exchanges in the future to expose our students and staff to different people, language and culture, in line with our efforts towards internationalization.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to UiTM Sarawak Branch. The benefit we gained from this mobility program is beyond expectation. We hope for the long-term cooperation between UiTM and ZABC. Thank you all. 99



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