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Students, ISM lecturers visit research station



Carol Foo (right) representing ISM presenting a flag to Chong.

Tawau: Several students of the Diploma in Agribusiness Management (DAM) course and lecturers from the Institute of Science and Management (ISM), Tawau, visited the of Agriculture Department Quoin Hill Research Station as part of their field study initiative.

Chong Tan Chun, Quoin Hill research station head, greeted the group and then briefed about the purpose and function of the research station.

The Quoin Hill research station is one of the four research stations established by the state government in 1957 to conduct researches on cocoa tree planting, but in 1997, its focus switched to fruit trees.

The research station area covers about 897 acres of land and is surrounded with various types of crops and vegetation. The main purpose of its establishment is to collect various species of germplasm for future research and development.

The students were taken to visit the whole area to experience the beauty and diversity of the plant species collection. They also had the chance to visit the germplasm collection of various types of pineapple species and hybrids.

For a most enlightening and informative visit, the DAM students and lecturers of ISM thanked Mr Chong, his staff and the Agriculture Department for their assistance and hospitality throughout the whole visit.

They hoped that there would be more collaborations between ISM and the Agriculture Department in the near future.

The DAM programme will be opening enrolment for its January 2018 intake. For more details, please contact 089-779 623 or visit our FaceBook page 'Institute of Science and Management, Tawau' as well as the DAM Instagram account '@diplomainagribusiness_ism'.