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**ISM to collaborate with UK university on diploma, master's programs**



From left: Brian, Lawrence, Prof. Graham Kendall, Pang, Christy, Prof. Ong Fon Sim. Vivien and Dr. Rozilini M Fernandez-Chung

**TAWAU:** Representatives from Institute of Science & Management (ISM), Tawau, led by its Chairman of the Board of Governor, Pang Kyun Fung, paid a visit to University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC) recently.

The delegates from ISM comprise Pang Kyun Fung (Chairman), Brian Tay Ming Yih (Director), Lawrence Kow Cheng Tek (Chief Executive Officer), Christy Wong Jin Ying (Chief Operations Officer), and Vivien Pang Fui Chung (Deputy Registrar).

UNMC representatives Prof Ong Fon Sim (Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning), Prof Lee Chew Ging (Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) and Mr. Patrick Joseph (Director of Academic Services), welcomed them.

UNMC is an esteemed university offering the best of UK education in an Asian setting.

The courses offered by UNMC are similar to those of the UK and China campuses.

There is no need for much of introduction to the university as its own reputation speaks for itself.

In the visit, both parties are keen to pursue collaborations in the following areas:

- a) Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) and Master of Arts (MA) in Education for teachers

The possibilities of conducting PGDE and MA in Education programs at ISM through fly in/fly out model. Qualified trainers flew in from UNMC are going to conduct classes over the weekends.

Students are to complete four modules to earn PGDE and submit a dissertation to earn a master's degree.

- b) Teacher training programs

UNMC could fly in qualified trainers to ISM to conduct training/workshops for its lecturers or use ISM as a base to conduct training to other schools' teachers.

- c) Articulation for ISM diplomas

Both parties are exploring a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to articulate ISM diploma graduates into UNMC degree programs. They are working on the documentation and looking into the possibility of formalizing the articulation pathways.

d) Scholarships

UNMC has been generous in giving out scholarships. They are keen to work out a scholarship model specifically for potential students from ISM.

In conclusion, the visit to the prestigious university was a success. Close collaboration from ISM and UNMC marks a good opportunity for locals from Tawau to pursue further education in either undergraduate studies or postgraduate studies and trainings.