

UPM Peruvian Visit - A Fruitful Venture

Introduction

Last October Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) staff and students were honoured with an invitation to visit Peru from the President of the country, Alberto Fujimori. Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs), Prof. Rahim Md. Sail, UPM signed 2 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with 2 top Universities in Peru. (Consotium Cayetano Heredia University and Universidad National Agraria La Molina (UNALM) Lima).

The outcome of the MoU has given the opportunity for 7 top Institutions of higher learning in Peru of a Consortium called The Peruvian Network for Asia-Pacific to work together with UPM. Prof. Fernando Gonzalez -Vigil, Executive Director to the Economics and Management Programme in the Asia Pacific and Coordinator of the Peruvian Network for the Asia Pacific Studies, Lima Peru was accompanied by H. E. Jorge Bayona, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Peru to come to UPM on the 15th of August, 1998 to work out possible programmes in areas of mutual interests.

The identified Area of Cooperation to be implemented is "The Impact of El Nino" on

- Environmental Studies
- Economics and Management



Gonzalez in deep discussion with the Chief Editor

- Tropical Medication
- Agriculture

UPM will be working with 2 of the 7 top Universities which form the Consortium Cayetano Heredia University and Universidad National Agraria La Molina (UNALM) Lima.

A Joint Programme will be focused on the Impact of El Nino on Agriculture/Environment/Diseases/Economy and the kind of Management necessary to take the challenges of El Nino. The Faculties indentified to work with the 2 Peruvian universities are

- Science and Environmental Studies Faculty
(Fakulti Sains dan Pengajian Alam Sekitar)
- Economics and Management Faculty
(Fakulti Ekonomi dan Pengurusan)
- Agriculture Faculty
(Fakulti Pertanian)
- Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty
(Fakulti Perubatan dan Sains Kesihatan)

School of Management (Sekolah Pengurusan)

Members of some of the faculties had a discussion with the 2 visitors in the presence of our Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs)