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UUM ONLINE: The Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) delegation recently held a benchmarking visit to the National University of Singapore (NUS).

The delegation led by UUM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Bashawir Abdul Ghani was also joined by UUM Board of Directors, Mr Shah Hakim @ Shahzanim Zain and Director of the Institute of Tun Dr Mahathir's Thoughts (IPDM), Prof. Dr. Zakaria Abas.

The benchmarking visit was one of UUM's strategic initiatives to strengthen the function, structure and direction of IPDM so as to ensure that the developed thrust will boost its role as a Centre of Excellence in Higher Education (HICoE).

The delegation was greeted by the Director of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), NUS, Janadas Devan.

During the briefing, Janadas Devan shared information with UUM about the history of the establishment of IPS, the direction of IPS as an independent body that acts as a think tank in the development of research and production of ideas on public policies and policies in Singapore.

"The IPS is responsible for assessing critical issues affecting the public interest in Singapore covering all areas such as economics, finance, international relations, administration and national governance, religious, socio-political, cultural and green sustainability.

According to him, all of the studies that were carried out namely those which involved the generation of ideas for public policy or field study to assess people's perception of the suitability of the policy or issue, utilized multi-disciplinary approach in analysing the study and taking into account the long-term views and interests of all stakeholders.

He added that the findings of the policy study and public policy will be shared with Singaporeans and the Singapore business community through various platforms such as seminars, public lectures, workshops, roundtable discussions, periodicals, information provision on social media.

"Sharing this information will raise awareness among Singaporeans about the results of the study," he said.

Shortly thereafter, the delegation visited the NUS's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY SPP) to set the benchmark for the implemented postgraduate programmes.

According to its Associate Dean & Co-Director of LKY SPP, Assoc. Prof Dr Francesco Mancini, the role of LKY SPP was to offer PhD programmes in the field of Public Policy, Double Master Degree in Public Policy and European Affairs, Master in Public Administration, Master in Public Policy.

"LKY SPP also offers executive programmes to the corporate sector namely to CEOs, government officials and bank officials.

"Amongst the executive programmes offered are the Senior Management Program 2020: Leading in Complexity and Disruption, Corruption and Integrity: An Analysis and Understanding of Contemporary Issues, Corporate Governance," he said.

LKY SPP also agreed to collaborate with IPDM in organising joint executive programmes including the Langkawi International Forum (LIF) scheduled to be held in 2020.



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