

Research Visit to Southern Thailand Universities

The Research & Innovation office of UniMAP had organized a working visit to universities in southern Thailand. This 3 day visit, on 17-19 June 2008, was to explore potential research collaborations especially in strategic engineering disciplines. The group of 15 UniMAP representatives, comprising dean of R&D unit, cluster heads, post-graduate education dean and, directors of Agrotech and SME units, were led by Deputy Vice Chancellor Research & Innovation, Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal. Two Thai universities namely Prince Songkhla University and Walailak University, were the main focus.

Collaboration was not limited to joint research alone but also included expertise exchange, joint organization of conferences and expositions especially in agro-technologies and strategic engineering disciplines. Opportunities for training and post-graduate education to both students and staff of both parties were also topics of active discussion. This proactive and successful effort, with positive response from both parties, was an active effort to penetrate the Indonesia Malaysia Thailand Growth Triangle (IMTGT) as well as internationalization of all parties involved.

