

ITDI, UK forge knowledge exchange on energy

DOST-ITDI opened access to knowledge exchange and economic partnerships on energy during a study tour and conference with UK's innovation agency and 10 UK companies on March 13, 2023.



Richard Basgallop, Innovation and Growth Specialist of Innovate UK EDGE (IUK EDGE), and ITDI Director Dr. Annabelle V. Briones led the tour and conference called "2023 Knowledge Exchange for Economic Partnerships between Innovate UK EDGE and DOST-ITDI (KEEP UK-ITDI)."

They were joined by Deputy Director for Research and Development, Dr. Christine Marie C. Montesa; and Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services, Dr. Zorayda V. Ang.

Basgallop was accompanied by Amy Flynn and Gail Leathley while the British Embassy in Manila, which co-organized the event, was led by Karen Ferguson, Head of Climate



Change and Science and Technology, together with Karen Ann Hipol, Trade Specialist.

IUK EDGE conducts the study tour and conference modality worldwide where participating companies together with a chosen locale or agency, like the

Philippines and ITDI, discuss the tour's central theme. This discussion is enriched by trips and presentations.

For KEEP UK-ITDI, the objective of the visit was to initiate a possible economic partnership between IUK and DOST-ITDI and to explore collaborative research on ITDI's new Fuel Cell R&D Testing Facility and other related studies.

Company presenters included: James Diddams, Co-founder and Director of Achelous Energy; Dr. Oliver Jacob Weber, Director of AED Energy Ltd.; Martim Cunha, Founder and CEO of Aeon Energy Ltd.; Sergio Cardamas, Managing Director of DPSUN Limited; Dr. Emmanuel Matsika, Director of Environmental and Quality Solutions Ltd.; Julian Beach, Business Development Director of Green Fuels Research Ltd.; Mark Paulson, Director of MOSTEX Global Solutions Ltd.; Craig Jamieson, Director of Sraw Innovations Ltd.; Engr. John M. Allport, Director of Turbocharger Research Institute in University of Huddersfield; and Architect Nik Vyas, ARB (Architects Registration Board) and RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) of Yellow Studio Limited.

Following the conference, delegates met with DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. for the courtesy call after which they proceeded to tour ITDI's Fuel Cell R&D Testing Facility.



Other ITDI EXECOM members and staff that joined the conference and tour included CED OIC Engr. Apollo Victor O. Bawagan; EBD Chief Engr. Reynaldo L. Esguerra; FPD Chief Ma. Dolor L. Villaseñor; MSD Chief Josefina R. Celorico; PTD OIC Floridel V. Loberiano; TSD OIC Dr. Violeta B. Conoza; and STD OIC Ma. Rachel V. Parcon.



Meanwhile, under the new technology promotion brand of ITDI called "ITDI Techno Carousel," IDS-TSD listed the knowledge exchange conference with IUK as its third visit by an international institution.

The first two Techno Carousel events were held on Feb 2 and 23, 2023 with the Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) and the Chinese Embassy in Manila, respectively, as guests.

The engagements envision for the parties to strengthen ties and diplomatic relations among DOST-ITDI, Thailand, China, and the United Kingdom. As for the UK visit, a future meet-up in September 2023 is in the offing. (DDGotis; AMGuevarra\ TSD-ICOW; Photo credits: RRdelaCruz, IEVillamar \ TSD)