

CHINESE DELEGATION ENJOYS IGEM WELCOME



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IGEM HEADQUARTERS threw open its doors to welcome a delegation of members from the Far East District Section (FEDS).

More than 20 visitors from Hong Kong and China visited IGEM House as part of a trip taking in several sites of technical interest.

The delegation included a number of Chinese Industrial Affiliates, who

travelled to the UK with the aim of enhancing communication between the gas industries of the East and West.

The first stop on the UK visit was a trip to Fusion Group headquarters in Chesterfield, where the delegation was greeted by Group Managing Director Neil Green, before taking a tour of Fusion's manufacturing and testing facilities.

Next on the itinerary was a trip to global quality assurance and risk management company DNV GL's Loughborough site. A guided tour of DNV GL's laboratories took in materials and corrosion testing, gas quality research, plus advanced repair technologies.

After a busy morning, the group was greeted at IGEM House by CEO Neil Atkinson and Honorary Secretary Gordon Davies ahead of a buffet lunch.

Once their bellies were full, it was time to move next door for a chat with some of IGEM's UK Industrial Affiliates.

Here, they were treated to demonstrations from the likes of innovation firm Synthotech and virtual reality specialists Weldability Sif, plus a chat with representatives from ALH Systems, HWM, Inficon, Steve Vick International, and Sustainable Pipeline Systems.

Next, they sat down for some short presentations from CEO Neil, Head of Product and Market Development Simon Trollope and Head of Membership Claire McHugh. Simon briefed the delegates on IGEM standards work, plus some of the hydrogen and gas quality projects in which the Institution is playing a key role, while Claire explained the benefits of professional registration for gas engineers and managers.



Section Chair Eddie Pak, IGEM Vice President Duncan Wong and Past Chair Martin Kee thanked Neil and Gordon for IGEM's hospitality before the exchange of souvenirs marking the visit. Each of the delegates was also gifted a copy of IGEM's 150th anniversary book, signed by author Professor Geoff Lloyd.

The next day, the group had the

chance to explore Advanced Plasma Power's BioSNG plant, in Swindon. Aided by Ofgem funding, this plant is attempting to demonstrate the potential for renewable gas made from domestic and commercial waste.

Later, IGEM FEDS expressed its sincere gratitude to IGEM and all the organisations that assisted with a successful and productive visit. ■

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燃气专业学会(IGEM)英国总部热烈欢迎来自远东区分会(FEDS)的英国考察团成员，考察团集合了超过 20 位中港两地的燃气专家，当中不少更是燃气业界的企业代表。团队考察英国燃气设施之余，同时亦拜访了 IGEM 总部，以促进东西两方燃气业界的交流。

行程第一站参观英国辉信集团(Fusion Group)于切斯特菲尔德(Chesterfield)的总部，辉信集团由常务董事 Neil Green 迎接考察团，并安排参观集团完善的生产和质量测试设施。下一站考察团来到国际知名的质量验证及风险管理企业，挪威船级社与德国劳氏船级社(DNV GL)，参观了各种不同功能的实验室，如物料腐蚀测试，气体质量研究及高阶的复修技术等。

团队紧接着抵达 IGEM 总部，IGEM 首席执行官 Neil Atkinson 和荣誉秘书长 Gordon Davies 特地迎接了来自远东的贵宾。午饭后团员与一众英国业界公司代表移师展示厅，与英国业界交流心得。创新企业 Synthotech，虚拟现实(Virtual Reality)专业 Weldability Sif 及 ALH Systems，HWM, Inficon，Steve Vick International，Sustainable Pipeline Systems 等等亦向各代表成员展示了其最新的产品及技术。活动完结前，Neil 及他的团队为各位介绍了 IGEM 的核心业务及参与的项目，双方交换纪念品后，于 IGEM 的参观亦告结束。

随后，考察团参观了 Advanced Plasma Power 设置于史云顿(Swindon)的 BioSNG 工厂。工厂由 Ofgem 资金资助，旨在演示将家居及商业废物转化成再生气体的技术。

最后，远东区分会在此再次感谢 IGEM 以及一众协助筹办是次考察团的单位及机构，使其得以完满成功。