Ascent of Asia

Outstanding students from leading universities in India and China took part in a Science-Engineering Summer Course at Technion, run by the Technion International School and supported by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education (PBC). These 120 students were exposed to a range of fields, including electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, mathematics and aerospace engineering.

In addition to their studies at Technion, the students toured Israel’s major tourist sites, dabbled in entrepreneurship, visited Israeli high-tech companies, took a history course on Israel and the Middle East, learned about Israeli culture, and met with Israeli writers and opinion leaders.

Ariel Geva, managing director of the Technion International School, said, “I am confident that the students will enjoy their time in Israel and will serve as good-will ambassadors of the university and Israel in their home countries.”

Prof. Anat Rafaeli, the Deputy Head of the International School added, “The Summer Course is an excellent opportunity for us to meet excellent students from India and China, and appeal to their interest in wanting to pursue advanced studies at Technion.”

The students received support from the PBC, which provided them with scholarships aimed at strengthening the connection between Israel and their home countries. In total, 210 students from China and India came to Israel to study at Israeli universities as part of this unique summer program.

In another initiative, 62 Chinese senior managers participated at a workshop on Innovation held by the Knowledge Center for Innovation at the Davidson Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management, headed by Prof. Miriam Erez.

The visitors heard lectures on the topic of innovation by prominent academic experts and visited leading Israeli companies including Iscar, Amiad Water Systems, Biosense Webster, Stratasys, NaanDanJain Irrigation and Gilat Satellite Networks.

“Attending this workshop are senior managers and executives from mid-sized companies from all over China with a financial turnover of about $10 million dollars,” said Erez. “These companies are looking for added value in Israeli technology, and their representatives have come to this workshop to learn the secrets of Israeli innovation.”

Technion President Prof. Peretz Lavie welcomed the business delegation, and briefed them on Technion’s history and its great contribution to the Israeli economy. “Globalization is one of Technion’s strategic goals,” Lavie said. “Cooperation with the Chinese people is important to us.”

The workshop was held in cooperation with Shengjing, a business consulting firm from Beijing.