

**TECHNICAL VISIT AND STUDY TOUR TO SWITZERLAND, NORTHERN ITALY,
THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO**

Date : From 16th October to 24th October 2017
 Duration : 10 days 7 nights
 Participants : 34
 Itinerary :

Date	Details
16 th Oct 2017	Arrival at Zurich
17 th Oct 2017	Technical Visit to World Trade Institute at University of Bern
18 th Oct 2017	Engelberg, Mount Titlis and Lucerne
19 th Oct 2017	Southern Swiss towns of Lugano and Lake Como, Northern Italy
20 th Oct 2017	Technical Visit to RICS Italy and BNP Paribas Building in Milan
21 st Oct 2017	Port city of Genoa, Italy
22 nd Oct 2017	Costa d'Azur and Museum in Nice and the Principality of Monaco
23 rd Oct 2017	Depart from the Nice International Airport
24 th Oct 2017	Arrived in Kuala Lumpur

The itinerary provided a good mix of technical aspect / education and free-time. This allowed the entire group to learn a lot about the development of cities in western Europe and explored the culture and landscape of Switzerland, Northern Italy, the French Riviera and the Principality of Monaco. The duration of the trip is an ideal length of time with significant number of senior RISM members participating.

The President, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, led the 34-pax entourage comprising 17 RISM members of whom 8 are Councillors, their spouses and family members. The 10-day technical visit and study tour included visits to numerous places of interest which were technical, historical and cultural in nature.

Upon arrival at Zurich, the group was brought to visit the promenade Limmatquai that leads through Zurich's old town and along the southern bank of Limmat, the river after which it was named. Amongst the attractions included the Romanesque-style Protestant Church of Grossmünster and Rathaus (City Hall). Rathaus is basically a Renaissance-styled building with baroque elements which served as the administration centre for the Republic of Zurich from 1698 until 1798. The building later housed the legislative chamber and Cantonal Parliament for the Canton of Zurich.

On the second day of the visit (17/10/17), the RISM delegation visited the World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Bern, Switzerland. They were met by Dr. Sufian Jusoh, a Malaysian who is a Fellow of Research at WTI. Dr. Sufian was instrumental in arranging the dialogue session with WTI which was represented by the Managing Director, Mr. Joseph Francois, and two other senior Board members, Prof. Manfred Elsig and Prof. Rodrigo Palanco.

Mr. Joseph Francois delivered his welcoming speech to RISM delegates followed by a speech by RISM President, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang. The Hon. Secretary General, Sr Lim Choon Yong, went on to present an overview of RISM's structure, services offered by the four different branches of the surveying profession and the membership strength. Similarly, Prof. Rodrigo presented an overview

of WTI's organisation, its objectives and functions. The final presentation was by Dr. Sufian on the core training structure on Intangible Assets (IA) Valuation.

The intention of this visit was to explore the possibility of cooperation between WTI and RISM on the training for IA Valuers in Malaysia and the ASEAN Region. However, the Board of Directors of WTI would like to understand RISM better and there will be follow-ups on this matter.



Dialogue session with WTI, University of Bern, Switzerland

On Friday, 20/10/17, the delegation had a dialogue session with the Chair of RICS Italy, Mr. Daniele Levi Formiggini, at the office of BNP Paribas Real Estate, Milan, Italy. Ms. Paola Sanzeni, the Country Manager of RICS Italy, gave a brief outline of RICS membership in Italy.

Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang delivered a speech to thank the host for the warm welcome and this was followed by a short presentation on RISM's structure, objective and functions by Sr Lim Choon Yong.

Mr. Nicola Tursi, the Property Manager of BNP Paribas Real Estate, briefed the delegation on the scope of works carried out by his organisation. The dialogue was pleasantly punctuated with the warm reception by both RICS Italy and BNP Paribas. During the coffee break the participants further discuss general issues more informally. The delegates were also introduced to various head of departments within BNP Paribas which included the Valuation Department, the Property Management Department, the Real Estate Department and the Construction Management Department.



Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang



Sr Lim Choon Yong

RICS and BNP Paribas presented souvenirs to RISM delegates. In expressing RISM's appreciation, the President, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, reciprocated by presenting RISM's souvenir to the host i.e. Mr. Daniele Levi Formiggini, Mr. Nicola Tursi, Ms. Paola Sanzeni and the administrative staff present.



Visit to RICS and BNP Paribas, Milan, Italy

Despite the hectic and tight schedules, the visits to WTI, Switzerland, RICS and BNP Paribas, Italy, the French Riviera and the Principality of Monaco were educational, enjoyable and rewarding. The delegation departed for Kuala Lumpur on 23/10/17 after numerous shopping sorties were concluded by members and their families. The delegation had also developed stronger bonds of fellowship and fraternity amongst themselves and the counterparts apart from broadening one's perspective of the countries visited.



At the foot of Mount Titlis, Engelberg, Switzerland



Model of Christopher Columbus's ship, Genoa, Italy

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