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China-Malaysia Villages Visit Exchange Project

The first of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN Development Agenda 2030 is “No Poverty” as a poor country will not be able to achieve the necessary economic and social development. In this respect, China has successfully uplifted 800 million of her population out of poverty and enabled the rural population to join the Chinese community of moderate prosperity. Other developing countries have seen rural poverty increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continuing rural migration to urban centres. Under the Belt and Road Initiative, developing countries should learn from China about sustainable poverty eradication. AETDEW considers one of the ways is for the villages in developing countries to learn from their counterparts at first hand. Hence AETDEW proposes the “Twinning of Villages in China and ASEAN” project. The China-Malaysia Villages Visit Exchange Project is the pilot project.

A most successful groundbreaking one week visit by Malaysian village leaders and university students led by UTAR to Beijing villages took place between 15 to 20 January 2024. AETDEW particularly thanks BTBU Vice President Professor Liu Minhua and Professor Di Yuna for arranging the visit. The complete visit program is in the visit program handbook:



China Malaysia
Villages Exchange Visit







On 19 January 2024, the Malaysian and the Beijing villagers delegations visited the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries in Beijing at the invitation of Dr Zhu Dan, Director General of Cultural Exchange Department. AETDEW was represented by AETDEW Fellow Academician Xie Ou. AETDEW thanks Dr Zhu Dan for her interest and support of the Malaysia China Villages Exchange Project.



The return visit of Beijing villagers to Malaysian villages is being arranged by UTAR and BTBU to take place after the 2024 Chinese New Year. The project will be extended to other villages in China and Malaysia. AETDEW thanks AETDEW Fellow Dr Goh Peng Ooi for his generous financial support of the Project.

With the help of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the ASEAN Academy of Engineering and Technology AAET, the Twinning of Villages in China and ASEAN Project will hopefully be realised.

Reference in AETDEW Website

Twinning of Villages in China and ASEAN