RUN Delegation to Build Links with Regional Korean Universities

Building collaboration between Regional Universities Network (RUN) universities and regional Korean universities will be the subject of a visit by senior managers from RUN to Korea in late November.

Seven Korean universities will participate in the visit, as well as the Korean Ministry of Education and representatives from the Australian embassy in Seoul.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Peter Lee, said that RUN was visiting at the invitation of the Korean Ministry of Education as part of the Ministry’s strategy to support universities in regional areas.

“The visit will establish closer ties between our universities and explore possible collaboration at either an individual institution or group basis. Korea will be part of the New Colombo Plan in 2015, and it is hoped that the visit will lead to enhanced student mobility under this scheme, as well as staff mobility and joint research,” Professor Lee said.

“Research collaboration in the areas of food security, sustainability (Environmental Management) and health innovation (healthy ageing and wellness) will be explored.

“It is hoped that this visit will also result in better mutual understanding of the policy environment that affects regional universities in both countries.

“There are many common themes relevant to regional universities around the world: their pivotal role in the economic, social and cultural development of their regions; their education of professionals to work in the regions; their engagement with regional industry and community; their role in increasing participation at university by students in areas with low higher education participation; and their role in strategic research of importance to their regions,” Professor Lee said.

“RUN greatly looks forward to describing the work of our network to regional Korean universities and building links between our institutions.”

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