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Chinese Delegation to the OUI



OUI President Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar welcomes visiting Vice President of Shanghai TV University Chen Xin.

A team of academics from Shanghai recently visited the OUI in order to learn about the University's methods, experience and operations, particularly in the field of educational technology. In the delegation were Chen Xin, Vice President of Shanghai TV University, Xie Sen, Assistant President of Shanghai TV University, Zhang Zhijing, Director of the Law and Administration Department of Shanghai TV University, Gong Yiming, Executive Vice President of Secondary Specialized School, Shanghai TV University, Shen Yan, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs Office of Shanghai TV University and Zheng Longxi, President of the branch school in Baoshan, Shanghai TV University.

The members of the delegation met with OUI President, Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar and Prof. Ora Limor, Vice President for Academic Affairs and were given a tour of the campus. Prof. Judith Gal-Ezer, Director of Academic Outreach at the OUI, gave an overview of the University and Dr. Yoav Yair, Director of Shoham Rothschild Caesarea Center for Integration of Technology in Education, guided them on a tour of the broadcast studio and explained the principles and implementation of educational technology at the OUI. Dr. Relly Brickner, Director of Evaluation and Training Departments explained the system of internal evaluation at the Open University. Dr. Esther Wohl, Head of the English Department, discussed cooperation in teaching English as a second language.

Cooperation Agreement with a Russian University



Signing a cooperation agreement is Prof. Gershon Ben Shakhhar (left) with Herzen State Pedagogical University Deputy Rector Prof. Sergei Smirnov (right) as Dr. Baruch Gur-Gurevitz, Director, Resource Development and External Affairs, assists.

The Open University has signed an agreement of cooperation with officials of the Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, which was represented by Rector Gennady A. Bordovsky. This agreement is designed to foster joint educational and research activities between the two universities. Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia is in St. Petersburg and is regarded as one of the most prestigious institutions for teacher training in Russia, offering a broad variety of courses, to the Ph.D. level.

Following a visit to Russia by Dr. Victorya Libin, Director of Project Russia at the OUI and Masha Shor, who is responsible for OUI's publications in Russia, a delegation from the Herzen State Pedagogical University visited the campus of the OUI. In the delegation were Deputy Rector Prof. Sergei Smirnov, Dean of Humanities Prof. Vladimir Barabanov and Head of the Political Science Department Prof. Galina Gribanova.

The visitors met with Prof. Judith Gal-Ezer, Director of Academic Outreach at the OUI, who gave them a full explanation of the OUI's system of distance learning, and took part in a workshop on technology in teaching at the Shoham Rothschild Caesarea Center for the Integration of Technology in Education.