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NCKU News (2012/11/08) Ten delegates from Israel and 20 from Taiwan gathered in National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), southern Taiwan, for a two-day workshop in which they shared research findings on artificial intelligence and ocean science.

The workshop, Taiwan-Israel “Artificial intelligence and learning algorithms” & “Effect of human activities on marine environment,” was held at Zenda Suites, Tainan, November 6 under the auspices of the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology (MST) and Taiwan’s National Science Council (NSC).

Yon-hua TZENG, Dean of the College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of NCKU, welcomed all the delegates from Israel and around Taiwan to NCKU on behalf of NCKU President Hwung-hweng HWUNG.

NCKU has a close tie with scientists in Israel, “including our common friend, Professor Aaron CIECHANOVA, who is an honorary doctor of NCKU and has visited us many times,” said TZENG.

He also said that Taiwan and Israel have many features in common. Both peoples pay much attention to education, disciplines and professional ethics and are living in countries of small land with poor natural resources except the lifeline ocean.

Dr. Larry MANEVITZ from Department of Computer Science, University of Haifa, Israel, agreed to TZENG’s observation, noting that global warming, ocean acidification and human activities on marine environment and ecosystem are very important to both countries.

With no abundant natural resources, knowledge based economy is, therefore, essential to both countries, according to Dr. Sheng-tzong CHENG of Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, who said that artificial intelligence such as machine learning techniques and intelligence algorithms is among the core economic ingredients for both countries.

Both ocean science and artificial intelligence are among the strengths of NCKU, CHENG added.

The workshop was a follow-up interaction after the 2011 workshop held in the University of Haifa, Israel, according to Prof. Gwo-ching GONG of National Taiwan Ocean University. He said that continuous supports from Israel’s MST and Taiwan’s NSC are instrumental in the collaborated success.

Referring to the workshop as “a dream comes true,” Simona HALPERIN, representative at Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, was happy to see the convention of Taiwan and Israel, saying experts and scholars of the two countries exchanged visits and negotiated for nearly two years and finally mutual cooperation is now facilitated in the workshop.

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