The Division of Computer Studies organized a study tour to Macau between 5th and 6th January, 2009. The goal of this tour is to increase students’ understanding and appreciation of the information technology education and development in Macau in recent years. Sixteen students studying the Associate Degree of Science in Information Technology (AScIT) and Associate Degree of Engineering (AEng) joined this study tour to widen their horizon. The tour was led by Mr. Desmond Tsoi.

In this visit, students have visited the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), Macau Polytechnic Institute (MPI) and Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center (CPTTM). Besides, students have visited some famous sightseeing sites in Macau to appreciate the culture of Macau. Students are very impressed with this trip.

Below are some feedback and comments from students:

IT student Ko Chung Ming said that “The study tour is a very meaningful experience to me because we can see that how students make use of information technology to contribute to their community. For example, the playing cards recognition system introduced in MPI. Moreover, I am really impressed on how rapid the development of Macau was. During the visit, I saw many buildings are under construction and I am excited to see a new Macau in the future.”

Cheng Wing Shan, Cherries from IT expressed that “After the Macau trip, I have understood more about the education and development of Information Technology in Macau. Also, I have known more about this place, ranging from culture to the development of city during the sightseeing period. During the 2-days trip, I have visited two academic institutes, MPI & MUST and one technology transfer center, CPTTM. Through the detailed introduction by the speakers and campus visits, I have known more about their curriculums and I acquired lots of other information and experience too. Some highlights are given below:

- For the visit to MPI, I was impressed by the Virtual Reality demo.
- During the visit to MUST, I had a chance to talk with local students as well as those from Mainland China. This provided us a great opportunity to share our experience.
- The visit to CPTTM gave me insight about the application of computer in needlework and draft of design.

I think this trip is really valuable to me. It not only has broadened my horizon about Information Technology, but also provided me an opportunity to interact with students who studied in other programmes.”
Students and teachers had group photos at the entrance (Left) and in the lecture hall (Right) of Macau Polytechnic Institute. (MPI)

Front entrance of Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST)

Visit to MUST electronic lab

Needlework demonstration at CPTTM

Souvenir exchange at CPTTM