Visit to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

With the aim to strengthen the ties with our partner University and share safety and health best practices, Mr Jedison Ong from the Office of Safety, Health and Environment (OSHE), National University of Singapore (NUS) visited the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) for a study visit on 28 September 2016. The agenda included the following:

1. **Visit to UTHealth facilities and sharing of best practices with UTHealth Environmental, Health and Safety departmental staff**

   UTHealth is Houston’s University for healthcare education, research and patient care. It is located in the Texas Medical Center and comprises of school of biomedical informatics, biomedical sciences, dentistry, nursing and public health. Mr Jedison Ong visited their Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Department, and toured the various schools and facilities in UTHealth. The EHS staff from UTHealth shared on their University safety standards and internal practices they provide to the campus community.

2. **Visit to Baylor College of Medicine with Dr Rachel Gamble**

   The Baylor College of Medicine is a health sciences university for education, healthcare and community service, it is located in the Texas Medical Center. Dr Rachel Gamble, Assistant Professor in the Office of Environmental Safety in Baylor College of Medicine, hosted Mr Jedison Ong for the visit to the biosafety facility in the College.

![Figure 1. Dr Rachel Gamble hosting Mr Jedison for the visit to Baylor College of Medicine](image-url)
3. Presentation on NUS Safety and Health Programmes and Vector Control Measures in Singapore by Mr Jedison Ong

Mr Jedison Ong shared the Safety and Health Programmes in NUS and the control measures that Singapore takes to prevent the spread of Dengue and Zika virus. The presentation was attended by the EHS professionals from UTHealth and Rice University.

Figure 2. EHS Professionals from UTHealth and Rice University attending the presentation by Mr Jedison Ong