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A Busy Day for Visitors at LASC CISRS Centre Waltham Forest

Dave Mosley CISRS MD/NASC Training Director hosted 2 groups of VIP's at Simian's London Academy of Sustainable Construction (LASC) today.

The president of the Japanese Scaffolding Construction Equipment Association (SCEA) Dr. Yasuo Toyosawa and 3 of his colleagues were given a whistle stop tour of the CISRS Centre in Leytonstone as they strive to learn more about training standards in the UK.



Mr. Toyosawa is a respected leader in the Japanese scaffolding industry and has been involved in scaffolding safety for over 30 years. The group was very impressed with the quality and standards required to gain CISRS approval. Following their visit to the centre they were heading across London to the NASC offices to enter into an agreement regarding sharing industry best practice.

Dave Mosley said *"A very big thank you to Dean Johns the Centre Manager and all his staff for showing our VIPS around today. I always enjoy opening the doors of CISRS accredited centres to new visitors as they never fail to be impressed, it justifies why the scheme is recognised worldwide"*

Following a recent request for support from a research team at the Centre for the Study of the Production of the Built Environment (ProBE) at the University of Westminster, Dave Mosley liaised with LASC to arrange a centre visit in order to assist the team with their latest project.



The team are currently engaged in a European Commission funded project, *SCAFFOLD, Improving Training, Working Conditions and Transformation in the European Scaffolding Sector (ESF/2022/5433261)* coordinated by European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW) with the involvement of FIEC (European Construction Industry Federation).

To date the project has visited scaffolding companies and training provision in Denmark, The Netherlands and Germany with other partners including Belgium, Ireland and Poland.

Professor Linda Clarke and Dr Fernando Duran-Palma from ProBE were accompanied on their visit by Kevin Williamson of Unite the Union. They were very keen to witness a CISRS approved centre first hand and also to discuss the current situation of scaffolding within UK, their findings will be included in their final report.

One feature of the project will consider the role of women within the sector and the group has been put in contact with Vicky Welch currently working offshore for Stork and Sarah Klieve Business Director with High Peak Scaffolding

Dave Mosley said *"We were aware of this project through our involvement with the European Scaffolding Federation (UEG) we are happy to support this research and look forward to reading the final report"*