

# International Delegations Learn About UNH's Green Launching Pad

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Two delegations of international visitors from Japan, and Israel and the Palestinian Territories recently visited UNH to learn about the Green Launching Pad and New Hampshire's green innovation efforts.

The visitors met with Venky Venkatachalam, associate dean at Paul College and director of the Green Launching Pad.

"We were pleased to share our success of the Green Launching Pad and UNH's partnership with the state of New Hampshire to promote green manufacturing and economic development in New Hampshire. Members of both delegations were extremely interested in creating partnerships similar to the Green Launching Pad in their home countries," Venkatachalam said.

The Israel-Palestinian Territories visitors were Daniel Ben Yehuda, co-founder of DevTechHub, Israel; Eran Buchaltzev, program coordinator, Economic Development Department, AJEEC-NISPED, Israel; Fuad Farouq Rafat Muzaffar, partner and marketing manager, Sarmadee Company, Palestinian Territories; Husni N A Qalalwa, CEO, MobiStine, Palestinian Territories; Mohammed R M Salem, general manager, Brothers Engineering Group, Palestinian Territories; Yifat Solel, chairman, Cooperative Social Justice Alliance, Israel; Fadi Samir Swidan, director, Nazareth Business Incubator Center, Israel.



**A DELEGATION FROM ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES RECENTLY VISITED UNH TO LEARN ABOUT THE GREEN LAUNCHING PAD.**

The visitors from Japan were Masato Ishii, president, Kizara Project, and Teppei Aruyama, associate, Matsushita Institute of Government and Management.

The visit was sponsored by the Office of International Visitors, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, and the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire.

Founded in 2010, the Green Launching Pad is a strategic partnership of UNH and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy. The organization connects entrepreneurs and private industry with technical, scientific and business faculty, students and state-level resources to successfully launch and accelerate the growth of new green businesses. The Green Launching Pad is focused on creating new energy-related jobs in the Granite State and broadening economic opportunities.

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