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We visited some organizations related to ports and harbors and exchanged information about port and harbor policies such as privatization and redevelopment, infrastructure maintenance, and the efforts towards environmental problems.

We also researched on the history and traditional culture of each country.

WAVE sincerely thanks all of organizations we visited for giving us very polite and kind introductions.

[research route]



France

Paris

We inspected Canal St-Martin, which total length is 4.5km. There is 25m difference in water level between the upper and the lower area. It is adjusted by nine lock gates.



[The lock gate in Canal St-Martin]

The UK

Dover



We visited Port of Dover. On the basis of this on-site inspection, we learned the present condition of harbor maintenance from existent data and the Redevelopment Plan by the prospect for the future demand.

[the panorama of Port of Dover]

Southampton

We visited Associated British Ports Southampton (ABP) and learned the efforts towards efficient logistics systems, cruises, and the environment.



[container yard in Port of Southampton]

London



We visited Port of London Authority (PLA) and learned VTS system, maintenance and management of waterways, and environmental management.

[presentation by PLA]

We also visited Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation

(TTGDC) and learned cooperation with organizations concerned with the Development Plan and the efforts towards needs for local people.



[presentation by T T G D C]

National Trust



We inspected Hill top and Grasmere in the Lake District, Hadrian's Wall, and Housesteads, which were managed by National Trust.

We researched on the Environmental Protection Policy for nature and the use of these facilities as tourist attractions.

[Hadrian's Wall]

Glasgow

We visited Scottish Enterprise and learned the overview of the Regeneration Project in Clyde waterfront, its progress condition, and perspective for the future. Our visiting was featured by [a local newspaper](#).



[the look of the inspection in Clyde waterfront]

Ireland

Dublin



We visited Dublin Port Company and learned the condition of its harbor maintenance, the efforts towards environmental problems, and redevelopment movement around harbors.

[the inside of the control tower for Port of Dublin]

The results of this study will be introduced in the Ports and Cultures session which will be held in this year.