President Lee initiated the trip on the recommendation of Dr. Min-liang Kuo, associate dean of research and development of the Institute of Toxicology, College of Medicine, as well as director general of the Division of Life Science, NSC. Dr. Kuo, who visited the FEB RAS in 2010, was deeply impressed by FEB RAS’s use of magnetoencephalography and the acupuncture energy channels of Chinese medicine to diagnose diseases, and suggested that NTU pursue academic cooperation with FEB RAS.

President Lee and his delegation were received by FEB RAS Vice Presidents Yuri N. Kulchin and Vladimir Chumakov, International Office Director Vladimir V. Borodin and Innovation and International Relations Office Director Alexander I. Cherednichenko, and were briefed on the FEB RAS’s research mission, which includes the development of marine sciences in the Russian Far East as well as the fields of life science, biochemistry, medical physics, nanotechnology, mechanics and automation, and humanities and social sciences.

The NTU delegation was interested in the FEB RAS biotechnology center’s extraction of materials from marine organisms for researching and creating active pharmaceuticals to fight cancer, protect the liver, regulate the immune system and work as antioxidants. NTU sees potential for research cooperation between the FEB RAS and NTU researchers in medicine, pharmacology, biotechnology and marine biology.