

# Quantity surveying students visit Dubai

During the varsity recess in July 2009, a group of nine final-year quantity surveying students and two staff members from the Department of Construction Economics visited Dubai.



→ A 4x4 desert safari was among the many experiences the students were able to benefit from in their free time.

The students had to organise their visits to construction sites themselves, and had to find donors to assist in covering the costs of the study tour. Fortunately, there are many South Africans (and alumni from the University of Pretoria) in Dubai who could assist the students. The tour was a huge success, and the students learnt a great deal.

They visited several construction sites in Dubai and Abu Dhabi (among others, the multibillion-dollar

Yas Island development, including the new Formula 1 race track), and had meetings with development specialists and other professionals. These companies were so impressed with the students that three members of the tour group were invited to discuss employment opportunities for 2010.

The group also had a little free time in their busy schedule to fit in a river cruise, 4x4 desert safari and some water sport. ➦



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