

RIPA Feedback

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I, along with other officials of Rajya Sabha Secretariat, attended RIPA Training on Parliamentary Administration from 19th to 30th October, 2009 at London.

Ian Church, Director of Studies, RIPA INTERNATIONAL welcomed and introduced all the trainees to senior officials of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords who delivered very informative lectures and made presentations based on British Parliament, its functions; British Constitution and its characteristics; House of Commons – Westminster Hall and The Chamber, Resource Management, Reporting the proceedings and Information Services; House of Lords – its work and changing constitutional position; Party system and elections; and U.K. Government – continuity and change from absolute monarchy to the origin of modern machinery of public administration and conventions of ministerial responsibility.

The Group of trainees was taken to a visit to Palace of Westminster – The Westminster Hall, House of Commons, House of Lords, its library, its printing office. We could also see how the parliamentary papers were distributed and also the attendance of politicians in the Chamber of the House of Commons during the live proceedings. One visit was also arranged in the Headquarters of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Peter Riddell described about Parliament and politics.

Robert Wilson described about the British Constitution; the evolution of parliamentary functions; legislation; deliberation; her majesty's opposition; party discipline and the power of the Executive; Reform; the party system.

Prof. Gavin Drewry described about Reform of Parliament and the public sector. And Geoff Embleton described about Human Resource Management in the House of Lords.

Rob Clements described about the Information Services in the House of Commons and Fergus Reid described about the Select Committees in the House of Commons.

Andrew Walker described about Financial Control and Accountability at the Westminster Parliament.

Paul Dillon-Robinson described the office of the Chief Executive and the work of internal audit.

Nicholas Jones told us about the Parliament, politicians and the media.

Nick Beech told us the Report system of the proceedings – the Official Reports (done by Hansard) in the 21st Century.

Tim William described the Governments interface with Parliament

Rhodri Walters described the House of Lords – its work and its changing constitutional positions.

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