IN OTHER news from Bar-Ilan, Prof. Dror Fixler, director of BIU’s Institute of Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (BINA) and Prof. Haiwon Lee, of Hanyang University in Seoul, South Korea, announced the first Korea-Israel Nanotechnology Workshop due to take place in February 2019, at which time a cooperation agreement will be signed between the two universities.

BIU already enjoys a presence in the East following the signing of a cooperation agreement with China three years ago.

Prof. Haiwon Lee was part of a delegation of leading nano institute directors from around the world visiting Bar-Ilan University to explore opportunities for research cooperation and student exchange. Other members of the delegation hailed from the University of Jyvaskyla in Finland, Lund University in Sweden, the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA, the International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory in Portugal (with which BINA signed a cooperation agreement earlier this year), and McGill University in Canada.

Over the last decade and a half, initial government funding of $350 million, coupled with matching contributions, boosted nanotechnology development in Israel to unprecedented heights by enabling six of the country’s universities to establish research institutes housing 600 laboratories and facilitating the return of hundreds of scientists from abroad. More than 100 start-up companies emerged from the nano research conducted at these institutes.

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