

UMS signs MoU with Petronas

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Petrollam Nasional Berhad (Petronas) recently to drive industry-academic knowledge sharing in technical fields.

Held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC), the MoU is known as the Collaboration with Higher Education Strategic Initiative (CHES) and also involves several other public universities.

Vice Chancellor of UMS, Prof Datuk ChM Ts Dr Tawfiq Yap Yun said this MoU will not only give a high impact in the field of engineering at the Faculty of Engineering (FKJ) UMS, but it will also benefit other fields at the university.

"Under this CHES collaboration, we hope it can increase students' competitiveness in terms of knowledge and marketability, increase innovation and further enhance sustainability in academics as well as development and research.

"This collaboration will also be able to help students and lecturers to get guidance from the industry, especially those involving industrial training, skills development, and also for job placement," he said after the MoU signing ceremony.

According to Taufiq, the collaboration is also able to enhance bilateral relations between the university and industry.

He said the involvement of the program together with the industry is one of the

criteria in the accreditation assessment for the Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC).

"Therefore, this MoU can directly help the success of the accreditation assessment for programs offered at the Faculty of Engineering.

"At the same time, this collaboration also enhances the visibility of UMS as an institution that has a strong network with the industry, as well as can increase confidence in the university's stakeholders," said Taufiq, adding that many UMS graduates now serve with Petronas.

Meanwhile, Petronas Senior Vice President of Projects and Technology, Bacho Pilong, said his party always strives to create a positive social impact based on the sustainability of agenda outlined.

"Talent development through education-related initiatives is one of the ways Petronas contributes to the development of the country," said Bacho

who is also an Adjunct Professor at UMS.

Apart from UMS, also signed MoU with Petronas were Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and Universiti Sains Malaysia.