

UMP CONTINUES TO OPERATE GAMBANG CAMPUS

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) can now confidently continue to operate its campus in Gambang after a significant real estate deal is sealed recently between its wholly owned subsidiary, UMP Holdings Sdn Bhd (UMPH), and landowners Frontier Bond (M) Sdn Bhd and MEC Industrial Park Sdn Bhd.

The land ownership exchange deal is being fully financed by Affin Islamic Bank Bhd.

UMPH Chairman, Dato' Sri Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, signed the Sales & Purchase Agreement (SPA) for the holding company, while Frontier Bond was represented by Director Ir Kee Book Heed, and MEC Industrial by Managing Director Eddie Yoe, at a document exchange ceremony held at Menara Affin Bank in Kuala Lumpur recently.

Also in attendance to witness the ceremony were the Minister of Higher Education, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin; Affin Bank Bhd Group Chairman, Tan Sri Ismail Omar; Affin Bank and Affin Islamic Bank chief executive officers; UMPH General Manager, Nazri Musir; and UMP Bursar, Zainuddin Othman.

Under the RM137.70 million SPA, UMP now owns acreage covering the university's Main Administration Complex, engineering laboratories, students' dormitories, mosque and the Undergraduate Service Complex, including laboratories at blocks X, Y and Z.

According to the university's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Mohd Nasir Daing Ibrahim, the strategic location of UMP's campus in Gambang – within the vicinity of the East Coast Highway and several industrial zones – promises expansive growth potentials.

