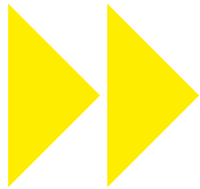


UMP-MIYAZU MoU SET TO BOOST TDM INDUSTRY



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In its effort to enhance university-industry collaboration, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Miyazu (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd to further develop the tools, dies and mould (TDM) industry in Malaysia.

The collaboration is expected to boost the local TDM manufacturing industry and minimize the country's dependency on foreign expertise as well as reduce foreign labour intake. Incidentally, this collaboration is also in line with Malaysia's aspiration to expand and enhance her automotive industry.

In his keynote address, UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Daing Mohd Nasir Daing Ibrahim, said the collaboration is parallel to the university's approach as a "teaching factory", which emphasized

on a curriculum structured on the aspects of competency and practicality.

"With the sharing of Miyazu's expertise and experience, this university-industry collaboration will provide an edge to our graduates' employment competitiveness, especially in the field of manufacturing engineering," added Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir.

"Furthermore, this collaboration will provide ample opportunities for Miyazu staff to enhance their knowledge and develop their skills through the postgraduate and apprenticeship schemes at UMP.

"Also in the pipeline, the university plans



to engage TDM experts from foreign universities through educational tie-ups with Taiwan's Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences and South Korea's Seoul National University of Technology and Iwate University," highlighted the Vice-Chancellor.

These collaboration and tie-ups, he added, are UMP's initiatives to fortify the university's expertise in teaching, research and development in TDM.

On the same note, Miyazu Chief Executive Officer, Amrizal Abdul Majid,