## UMP, KUAS tie-up to enhance mould & die manufacturing

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o further develop the mould and die manufacturing industry in Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has entered into an academic and research collaboration with Taiwan's National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences (KUAS), with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Banquet Hall of UMP's Chancellery on August 3, 2010.

UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Daing Mohd Nasir Daing Ibrahim and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus, signed the MoU on behalf of the university, whilst KUAS was represented by its President, Professor Chun-Hsiung Fang and its Chairman of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering (Mould & Die), Professor Cheng-Hsien Wu.

The tie-up with KUAS – known worldwide for its engineering prowess – was hoped to enhance the local manufacturing industry, thereby minimizing Malaysia's intake of expatriates and dependence on foreign expertise in the relevant fields.

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According to Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir, "With this MoU, UMP would now be able to procure Visiting Professors from KUAS, who are expert in the manufacturing of mould and die.

"UMP has also taken it a step further, by offering the subject on mould and die as an elective course for Third Year students in the Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering & Technology Management (FKPPT), starting this semester.