

MAI, UMP to produce more than 5,600 local automotive engineers in various dicipline by 2015



The Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI), an agency under the Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) announced its strategic alliance with Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), to produce engineers in various automotive disciplines which in-line with MAI directive in collaboration with Institution of Higher Learning in producing more than 5600 automotive engineers by 2015 on 15 March 2011.

This alliance is another milestone for MAI, in its efforts to further enhance the competitiveness of the local automotive industry.

CEO of MAI, Madani Sahari and UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) document in the presence of Minister of International Trade & Industry, Malaysia, Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed.

The partnership with UMP is centred on three main areas - Tooling & Manufacturing Engineering, Technology Development and Component Testing.

"Tooling is an important aspect in the manufacturing of vehicles, which includes key areas



of Metal Stamping Dies and Plastic Injection Moulding," explained Madani.

As a focal point and coordination centre for the development of the local automotive industry MAI's objectives include enhancing human capital development.

This approach involves working with industry leaders and academic institutions to help identify current shortfalls in the industry and address this by coordinating

programmes/ initiatives that will produce graduates that the industry specifically needs.

MAI seeks to strengthen ties between academia and industry to ensure that graduates that are produced will fulfil industry needs.

According to Madani, this collaboration is aimed enhancing quality of human capital in the local Automotive Industry. We are looking at producing 1,500 tooling engineers and 500 Lean Production System (LPS)Engineers by 2015.