

## UMP ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH USU AND AMIK TUNAS BANGSA

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) inked a memorandum of understanding with Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU) that would serve as a catalyst that would add more values to the strategic alliance formed between the two universities.

The signing ceremony was held in conjunction with a national seminar on computer curriculum on September 21, 2011 in Medan, Indonesia.

It was witnessed by UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim and Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKKP), Dean Associate Professor Dr Jasni Mohd Zain. Both represented UMP.

Meanwhile, Mathematics and Natural Science Faculty Dean Dr Sutarman and Information Technique Masters programme head Professor Muhammad Zarlis represented USU.

In his speech, Dato' Dr Daing Nasir said the collaboration was important in the context of positioning UMP in this region and that of international.

He said in implementing UMP strategic plan (2011-2015), international alliance such as this would allow the university to explore new opportunities in various fields by forging closer ties with potential partners.

"With the signing of the MoU, UMP – through FSKKP, and USU – through AMIK Tunas Bangsa, will be able to reap in a lot of benefits from research, staff training and exchange of lecturers, undergraduates, scientific material and curriculum.

"This smart partnership can be extended to a wider range if more academic staff and undergraduates can get involve in joint activities planned to further substantiate this cooperation," he added.

He said UMP would gladly accept any academic staff of USU or AMIK Tunas Bangsa to pursue its post-graduate studies.

USU Rector Professor Dr Syahril Pasaribu said the university was grateful with the collaboration, described as holistic, as it



would provide a wide space to accommodate a joint understanding between the two institutions.

"With the expertise and resources available in the two universities, I am confident that a strong collaboration will be achieved," he said after the signing ceremony held at the administration centre of USU Medan campus.

During the ceremony, Associate Professor Dr Jasni also delivered a public lecture that discussed on computer and cloud computing technology curriculum in the backdrop of a highly competitive global setting.

He applied the Malaysian experience

when talking about the topic. Some 200 USU undergraduates attended the public lecture.

In a separate event, UMP signed an MoU with AMIK Tunas Bangsa. The latter was represented by its director Deddy Hartama and foundation heads Muhammad Nasir and H.M.A Ridwansyah Putra. It was held at a convention hall in Hotel Siantar at Permatang Siantar.

The event was held in conjunction with the orientation week for its new intakes attended by 500 undergraduates. Also present was Resort Kotamadya Permatang Siantar police chief Mohd Asri Serendan. The guests were entertained with cultural performances by Batak Simalongun Tor Tor Somba.