

UMP AND INDONESIA'S POLYTECHNICS LP31 FORGED STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s ICT Business Centre signed memorandums of understanding (MoU) with three Polytechnic LP 31s and a high school from Indonesia, marking another milestone in the close relationships enjoyed both by Malaysia and its neighbor country, Indonesia.

The MoUs involved Polytechnic LP 3I Jakarta, Polytechnic LP 3I Bandung, Polytechnic LP 3I Medan and STMIK Bina Sarana Global, paving the way for sharing of expertise in information technology.

The MoUs were signed at the Chancellery's banquet hall on June 18, 2012.

The collaborations were also expected to extend the networking to other Polytechnics LP 31 in Indonesia.

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim while Polytechnic LP 3I Jakarta by its director Drs Jaenuddin Achmad, Polytechnic LP 3I Bandung – its director Ir Adriza, Polytechnic LP 3I Medan – its director Akhwanul Akhmad and STMIK Bina Sarana Global, by its chief Dedi Royadi.

Also present were UMP's ICT Business Centre Director, Associate Professor Dr. Wan Maseri Wan Mohd, LP 3I Group programme director Rony Setiawan and UMP's Industrial And Community Networking Division Officer, Professor Dr Zulkefli Yaacob.

Dr. Daing said the intra-university cooperation was important in the context of positioning UMP in the regional and international arena.

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"As such, UMP is thrilled and proud because with the collaboration, we are able to strengthen the international networking by accepting the grouping with Polytechnic 31 Jakarta as our new partner," he said in his speech.

He hoped the MoUs would open the way to a wider collaboration that would be jointly explored in the future, benefitting all parties.

He also said UMP and Polytechnic LP 31 Jakarta would gain benefits through research, training and exchange of staff, undergraduates and academic materials.

In fact, the smart partnership could be extended further if more academic staff and undergraduates

were involved in activities to be planned, in due course, he added.

He also said the cooperation would open more rooms to accommodate the understanding and potential that could be jointly developed, complementarily.

Drs Jaenuddin said the programme would involve exchange of student placements to do training in UMP and exchange of staff and research.

He was also thrilled to see facilities in UMP were equipped with sophisticated technology, noting the extensive ICT product development.

He added that the ties forged were expected to help realise the Indonesian polytechnics' aims to produce a professional workforce, accepted by the labour market.