



UMP TIES UP STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH ELEKTRISOLA, INFINEON

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Elektrisola (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. to foster a strategic collaboration in the fields of academic and research.

The German-based Elektrisola Group is a worldwide leading producer of fine and ultrafine enameled copper wire on September 5, 2012.

Through the MoU, undergraduates who are enrolled in the dual-degree programme – jointly offered by UMP and Hochschule Karlsruhe (HsKA) of Germany, in the fields of Mechatronic and Automotive Engineering – will, in the future, undergo a six to eight months of industrial training at Elektrisola either in Malaysia or Germany.

Since the dual-degree programme was introduced in 2010, UMP said the university has seen 39 undergraduates enrolled to study Mechatronic Engineering and recently, another 35 new students registered for such programme, of which 20 are undertaking Automotive Engineering, offered for the first time this year.

Addressing the guests at the signing ceremony held at JW Marriott Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said the strategic collaboration was important to internationalize the university regionally and globally.

"As we implement our 2011-2015 Strategic Planning, such international cooperation with renowned partners like Elektrisola will assist us to explore new opportunities in a variety of fields," said Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir.

"With this MoU, UMP has charted a track to embark on research, staff training and human capital development for a meaningful intellectual collaboration," said the Vice-Chancellor, highlighting that UMP has also received a Letter of Intent (LoI) from Infineon Technologies Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. to initiate a similar collaboration.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Mohd Nasir and his Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Engr. Dr. Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz signed the MoU on behalf of UMP while Elektrisola was represented by its Managing Director, Thilo J.



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Westerhausen – in the presence of German Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr. Gunter Georg Gruber, and Director of University Industry's Relation, Ministry of Higher Education, Meanwhile, the LoI saw President and Managing Director of Infineon Technologies Malaysia, Dr. Matthias Ludwig, signing the agreement.

Also present to witness the event were Senior Director of Human Resources from Infineon Technologies Malaysia, Carolyn Tan; Director of the German Academic & Career Centre (GACC), Brian Trenaman; Dean of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Professor Dr. Zahari Taha; Dean of Faculty of Technology, Associate Professor Dr. Abdullah Ibrahim and Director of Automotive Excellence Centre (AEC), Dr. Abdul Adam Abdullah.