Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) would be collaborating with Japanese company, Eco 24 Co. Ltd, which developed environment-friendly coating products for various industrial uses.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed here recently with UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim representing the university while the company, by its President, Shunichi Hama.

Also present was JETRO Kuala Lumpur Managing Director, Akira Kajita.

According to Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir, UMP would be working together and sharing expertise with the company, that had received many recognitions in Japan, in developing coating products that were suitable to the climate in Malaysia.

"The coating would function as a protective layering for the surface of an object and would prevent erosion and deterioration.

"It could also be used in automotive industry and building structures, he said, adding, about 80 percent of Eco 24’s sales were in tackling asbestos-related problems in buildings.

"It will involve the process of transferring of technology when we get down to developing these environment-friendly coating products and we will get to share the latest technology in tackling problems pertaining to asbestos."