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Press Release

Pakistan Malaysia Signed MOU to Cement Scientific, Technical and Engineering Ties

Institute of Technology Petronas SDN Berhad (ITPSB) of Malaysia and Comsats Institute of Information and Technology (CIIT) of Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote cooperative and collaborative linkages to enhance their scientific, technical and engineering competencies and to develop future programmes of mutual interest and benefit.

The MOU was signed by Datuk Dr. Zainal Abidin Haji Kasim, Rector and MD/CEO of ITPSB and Associate Professor, Dr. Abdul Rashid Abdul Aziz, Director, Research Enterprise Office of CIIT in Ipoh, Malaysia today (18.10.2010).

According to MOU, the signatory parties will exchange students, staff members, research scientists, and institutional managers for short periods to generate and guarantee continued scientific and scholarly cooperation.

The parties will also provide higher degree training to teaching staff, organize joint conferences, seminars, symposia, summer courses and short courses besides, exchanging publications and other scientific materials for scientific, scholarly, educational and information purposes to strengthen the friendly relationships between the institutions.

MOU also envisages publication and printing of scientific material and creation of a standing web-site for placing and sharing of materials of the Institutes' regarding scientific seminars and actual scientific works.

MOU also provides MSc and PhD Programs for students from CIIT and ITPSB and organize joint research activities, which may be supported by the exchange scientists, scholars and technical staff members.

The other provisions of MOU include, organizing higher degree training to teaching staff from CIIT and ITPSB, besides, supporting publication of articles, exchange of magazines, monographs, tutorials and methodic recommendations.

A Working Committee will also be setup to manage the implementation of the collaboration with the objective to identify and articulate issues related to staff development, student exchange, joint R&D and teaching & learning programmes and to review the progress of the collaboration.

The MOU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.

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