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# UMP explores international collaboration with Turkey's BAIBU

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) continues to enhance its strategic international relations by exploring academic and research opportunities with Bolu Aybant Izzet University (BAIBU) of Turkey at the recent Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) Convention 2019, held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on March 27, 2019.

At the international convention, UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with BAIBU Rector, Professor Dr Mustafa Alisarli, to explore academic and research developments between the two universities.

Also present at the signing ceremony were UMP Director of International Office, Dr. Nik Aloesnita Nik Mohd Alwi, and BAIBU International Students and Staff Coordinator, Özlem Yelda Dilmen.

"Through this MoU, both universities can now embark on collaborations in academic and research developments, including students and staff exchange programme, as well as the opportunity to explore other academic frontiers," stressed Professor Dato' Sri Dr Daing Nasir.

Concurring, Professor Dr. Mustafa said the MoU is just the starting point for future collaborations, and BAIBU appreciates the efforts made by UMP to initiate and strengthen the two universities' international relations.

"Furthermore, this memorandum of understanding will encourage more students and staff mobility programmes to be developed, similar to the Erasmus and Mevlana," he emphasized.

According to Profesor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, UMP is presently enlisted in and well-ranked by QS World University by Subject Ranking 2019 for its engineering subjects of mechanical, aeronautical, manufacturing, chemical and technological.

"This world ranking accomplishment is a testament to the excellent methodology of teaching and learning at UMP, which focused on a variety of technical and technological aspects," exclaimed the Vice-Chancellor.

"The ranking of subjects matter to the students, especially when making choices and assessing the right university to pursue studies in their fields of interest," he said.

Established in 1992, BAIBU is among the well-recognized universities in Turkey – especially proactive in promoting international students and staff exchange programmes to countries in Asia, East Asia, Africa and Europe.

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The recently signed MoU will also allow UMP students and staff to explore opportunities to initiate new relations and collaborate in the fields of engineering and technology, with other universities in Turkey, like Yildiz Technical University, Sakarya University, Karabuk University, Akdeniz University and Manisa Celal Bayar University.

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