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MOU signed between UMP and Hassan II University of Casablanca

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Morocco, 11th October - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Hassan II University of Casablanca (H2UC). The MOU outlined collaborations in research, academic and student exchange programmes, dual degree programme for undergraduates and postgraduates degree programmes. It would also pave the way for the establishment of smart partnerships in knowledge sharing.

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim while H2UC by its President Professor Idriss Mansouri. The event was witnessed by the Minister of Education, Dr. Maszlee Malik and the Director General, Department of Higher Education, Datin Paduka Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir. Also present at the event was the Director of International Office, Dr Nik Aloesnita Nik Mohd. Alwi.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said H2UC owns a reputable School of Engineering. "This is a golden opportunity for UMP to collaborate with the university especially in research since UMP is ranked among the top 300 QS World University Rankings by subject in the field of mechanical and manufacturing engineering".

"Other areas with possible collaboration may include other science courses, natural resources and renewable energies," he added.

He also said another potential aspect of collaboration is in the field of business and management as H2UC owns a respectable School of Commerce and Management of Casablanca.

"It will be a good opportunity for UMP to explore further in the area of business engineering, similar to the collaboration with University of Reutlingen, Germany," he added.

H2UC has more than 100,000 students, partly due to its distance learning approach and UMP is working within the same scope, in support of its own lifelong learning principles through UMP Advanced Education. Furthermore, UMP is committed to expand its learning and teaching in the 21st century paradigm via Centre for Instructional Resources and e-Learning. The centre is responsible for UMP Collaborative Online International Learning and it is a member of SUNY COIL network.

UMP is an established and competency-based technical university specialising in the fields of engineering and technology and it strives to further enhance and strengthen its international linkage. The university has taken various initiatives to add to its educational excellence and has entered into various collaborative arrangements with respectable parties to enrich its academic and research activities.

H2UC is a public university located in the industrial capital of the Moroccan Kingdom. It was set up in

September 2014 following a merger between Hassan II University of Mohammedia and Hassan II University of Ain Chock.

The University strives to boost its existence, domestically and internationally and in terms of scientific research through its various scientific structures (123 laboratories, 10 centres for doctoral studies, 10 research centres, two research platforms and an observatory).

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