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## **UMP partners with Indian Institute of Technology to address future engineering educational challenges**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) for a period of seven years at the IIT Campus at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India on March 7, 2019

The MoU has been signed by the Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim and the Director of IIT Varanasi, Professor Pramod Kumar Jain. The Deans of Research from both side witnessed the event. The MoU seeks collaboration in the areas of academic exchange (both students and staff) and collaborative research for technological advancements and social welfare.

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi (routinely referred as IIT BHU) is a public engineering and research institution located at Varanasi in the northern state of India (Uttar Pradesh).

The institute has a long legacy in producing engineering and technological graduates for over a century; and their alumni network through world renowned engineers and technologists, most successful tech entrepreneurs, highly cited educational leaders in addition to the visionary statesmen and civil servants (<https://iitbhu.ac.in/>).

By signing the MoU, the Director Professor Jain said, that owing to the emerging research and educational scenario, IIT BHU has taken numerous initiatives to integrate its educational and research excellence by joining their hands through the world-class Institutions.

“To this point, joining hands with UMP is a step forward as they have marked a global presence in less than two decades of their establishment and testifying their commitment in engineering and technological education for societal well-being,” he said.

Professor Dato’ Sri Dr. Daing said that the MoU with IIT BHU is a landmark in the history of UMP; the legacy and the prominence of IIT BHU would help UMP to strategically position in the emerging world scenario of disruptive technologies, artificial intelligence, and data-science.

The UMP students would immensely benefit from the cross-cultural interaction with IIT BHU students and academics facilitated through this MoU.

As for the UMP’s academics, the collaborative research and publications with their counterparts in IIT BHU would give them better global visibility – their visibility in the Malaysian scenario has already been certified by the Malaysian Research Assessment (myRA) through a Five-Star rating since the year 2017.

He further added that UMP’s emergence as the No.1 technological University in Malaysia by the QS 2019 world university ranking list has put them in the radar of many renowned institutions including IIT BHU.

He also thanked the legal units of both institutions and staffs engaged in realizing this MoU.

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