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# UMPSA expands collaborative ties with 6 private schools in internationalisation of academic programmes

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KUALA LUMPUR, 21 January 2025 – Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) has taken another step forward by establishing a strategic collaboration with six Chinese Private Secondary Schools through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance the university's academic programmes.

The MoU was signed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International Affairs), Professor Dato' Ir. Ts. Dr Ahmad Ziad Sulaiman.

According to Professor Dato' Ir. Ts. Dr Ahmad Ziad, this initiative is part of UMPSA's efforts to strengthen international academic relations and expand educational opportunities for students from private secondary school communities.

"This initiative began in 2023 with the aim of introducing UMPSA's academic programmes, particularly the dual degree programmes.

"These programmes also offer students the opportunity to pursue studies in railway engineering in collaboration with Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), China, preparing them for vast career opportunities linked to the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project.

"To date, a total of 155 students have enrolled in this programme, with 45 graduates completing their studies at BJTU," he stated.

He further added that this achievement is not only a major milestone for UMPSA but also a testament to the university's commitment to academic excellence.



As of now, UMPSA remains the only public university (UA) that has successfully implemented ten dual degree programmes in collaboration with strategic partners, including Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (HKA), Germany; Mannheim University of Applied Sciences (HMA), Germany; Tianjin University, China; Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU), Kazakhstan; Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), China; and most recently, Hanyang University Erica Campus, South Korea.

Also present at the event was the Director of the Centre for Strategic Academic Collaboration (PKSA) UMPSA, Professor Ts. Dr Mohd Ruzaimi Mat Rejab.

Representing the schools were Sim Tee Chiam, Principal of Sekolah Menengah Chung Hua, Klang, Selangor; Soh Chin Choon, Principal of Sekolah Menengah Hin Hua, Klang, Selangor; Seah Kwang Hong, Principal of Sekolah Menengah Kwang Hua, Klang, Selangor.

The remaining three schools were represented by Chong Chee Keong, Vice-Principal of Sekolah Menengah Persendirian Chong Hwa, Kuala Lumpur; Dr Wah Tze Huey, Vice-Principal of Sekolah Menengah Han Chiang, Georgetown, Penang; and Teh Fu Xing Adria, Head of Administration Department, Sekolah Menengah Persendirian Chong Hwa, Kuantan, Pahang.

This initiative further strengthens UMPSA’s commitment to offering high-quality education with a global perspective.

UMPSA hopes that this collaboration will create more opportunities for students to achieve academic and career excellence in the future.

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