



UPM, Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology partner to advance research, innovation and global talent



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SERDANG, 29 June – Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), through its Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM), has strengthened its international academic presence by forging a strategic partnership with India's Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (Dr. AIT) to advance research, innovation and talent development in computer science and information technology.

Formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the collaboration is expected to generate high-impact research, facilitate academic and student exchanges, promote technology transfer and foster innovation, while reinforcing UPM's aspiration to become a globally recognised research university.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), UPM, Prof. Ir. Dr. Abd Rahim Abu Talib, said the partnership reflects UPM's commitment to building meaningful international collaborations that create lasting value for higher education, research and society.

"This partnership represents far more than the signing of an agreement. It establishes a strategic alliance that enables both institutions to leverage our collective expertise, research capabilities and academic excellence to address global challenges through innovation and knowledge exchange.

"We look forward to translating this collaboration into impactful initiatives, including joint research, academic mobility, collaborative publications and innovation projects that will benefit our researchers, academic staff and, most importantly, our students," he said.

He added that international collaborations play an increasingly important role in preparing graduates with global perspectives, cross-cultural competencies and the technical expertise required to thrive in today's rapidly evolving digital economy.

Honorary Secretary of Dr. AIT, Prof. M. Mahadeva, said the partnership demonstrates the institution's commitment to expanding international engagement and providing students with greater opportunities to gain global exposure.



"We are pleased to partner with UPM, a university recognised for its strong research culture and academic excellence. This collaboration offers an excellent platform for both institutions to exchange knowledge, share best practices and enhance the quality of education in engineering and technology.

"We believe that by working together, we can create meaningful opportunities for our students and researchers while contributing to innovation that benefits society," he said.

Meanwhile, Dean of FSKTM, Dato' Prof. Dr. Shamala K. Subramaniam, said the faculty views the collaboration as an important platform to strengthen its international research network and academic excellence.

"FSKTM is honoured to formalise this partnership with Dr. AIT. We see tremendous potential to develop collaborative research, joint publications, staff and student mobility programmes, and innovation initiatives that will create lasting impact for both institutions," she said.



She added that the collaboration aligns with the faculty's commitment to producing globally competent graduates while expanding opportunities for interdisciplinary research and international engagement.

The MoU is expected to facilitate collaborative research projects, academic exchanges, joint supervision of postgraduate students, technology transfer and innovation initiatives, further strengthening cooperation in computer science and information technology between Malaysia and India.

The signing ceremony was also attended by members of Dr. AIT's management, including Dr. Mahalinga V. Mandi and Dr. C. R. Mahesha, as well as representatives from both universities, reflecting the shared commitment to building long-term academic and research partnerships that contribute to global knowledge advancement.

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