



One of the lakes that dot the scenery of UTAR Perak Campus



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A Borderless University

Knowledge is multifaceted and inexhaustible. It transcends physical and cultural boundaries. To ensure better understanding and fairer view of a subject matter, a diversity of knowledge is essential. Through sharing with others, knowledge base as a whole can be expanded. Therefore, for an educational institution such as UTAR to establish a diverse pool of knowledge, sharing it with relevant partners through collaboration is vital. As a knowledge enterprise, the University constantly establishes relationships with government agencies, non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, business and industrial corporations, and other universities to facilitate collaboration especially in the areas of academic, programme, staff and student development, and R&D and commercialisation. It is through collaborating with industry partners that UTAR ensures its programmes remain relevant to the industry and its graduates are employable in the global market.

UTAR currently has 101 MoU collaborative partners in 14 countries of which 56 MoUs are with international institutions of higher learning and universities; 3 MoUs with local institutions of higher learning and 42 MoUs with local industry companies and corporations. The foreign education institutions come from economies such as Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, UK and USA.

Foreign Partners

Australia

- Monash University
- Queensland University of Technology

Belgium

- Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Canada

- The University of Ottawa

China

- Guangxi Normal University
- Guangxi Teachers Education University
- Guangxi Traditional Chinese Medical University
- Guangxi University
- Guangxi University for Nationalities
- Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine
- Guilin University of Technology
- Hezhou University
- Hunan Normal University
- Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine
- Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Shaoxing University
- Shenyang University of Chemical Technology
- Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
- Xiamen University
- Yangzhou University
- Yunnan Jiaotong College

France

- ESC Bretagne Brest
- Telecom Lille1 School of Engineering
- Universite D' Auvergne

Germany

- University of Applied Science Regensburg

Hong Kong

- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- HKU School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Japan

- Josai University Educational Corporation

Mexico

- University of Colima

South Korea

- Dongseo University
- Hanyang University
- Inje University
- Kookmin University

Taiwan

- Asia University
- Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies, Academia Sinica
- Feng Chia University
- Fu Jen Catholic University
- I-Shou University
- Lunghwa University of Science and Technology
- National Cheng Kung University
- National Chi Nan University
- National Chiao Tung University
- National Pingtung University of Science & Technology
- National Quemoy University
- National Taipei University of Education
- National Taitung University
- National Tsing Hua University
- National Yunlin University of Science & Technology
- Tunghai University
- Tzu Chi University

Thailand

- Suranaree University of Technology

United Kingdom

- Sheffield Hallam University
- The University of Strathclyde
- University of Salford

U.S.A

- Boise State University



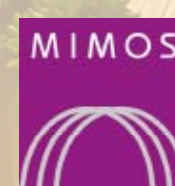
Local Partners

- Institut CECE
- Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman
- Multimedia University

Collaborative Partners - Industries

- ACCA Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
- Asian Center for Media Studies
- AXP Solutions Sdn .Bhd.
- Chang Chun Medical Unite Therapy Centre Sdn. Bhd.
- Chartered Tax Institute Malaysia (CTIM)
- Coree Corp Sdn. Bhd.
- Cybersecurity Malaysia
- Doshin Rubber Products (M) Sdn. Bhd.
- ELID Sdn. Bhd.
- Esclapeus Genomics Sdn Bhd
- Eu Yan Sang (1959) Sdn. Bhd.
- Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers Perak Kperak Implementation and Coordination Corporation Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Perak
- Hai-O Energy (M) Sdn. Bhd
- Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn.Bhd.
- Institute of Bankers of Malaysia (FSTEP)
- Institute of Strategic Analysis & Policy Research
- Jobmarket Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
- JobStreet.com Sdn. Bhd
- Ken Holdings Berhad
- Kerajaan Negeri Melaka (Institut Bioteknologi Melaka)
- Leonard Personality Incorporated Sdn. Bhd.

- Lions Club of CyberCare Kuala Lumpur
- Malaysian Association for Education
- Malaysian Financial Planning Council
- Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators
- Malaysian Iron & Steel Industry Federation
- Microsoft (M) Sdn. Bhd.
- MIMOS Berhad
- Ministry of Health
- Murata Electronics (M) Sdn.Bhd.
- Perak Entrepreneur & Skills Development Centre
- Pertubuhan Gerakan Belia Bersatu Malaysia (GBBM)
- SAS Institute Sdn. Bhd.
- Selangor Freight Forwarders & Logistics Association
- Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad
- Sungai Long Hospital
- The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) Malaysia Division
- The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia
- Tung Shin Hospital
- UBS Corporation Bhd.
- Wangco Softek Sdn Bhd
- Yayasan Nanyang Press
- The Resource Alliance



UTAR MoU/Agreement Partners

Here are the highlights of some of the partnerships (in no particular order) that the University has forged with local and international partners.

Tungshin Hospital



UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik exchanging the signed documents with Tung Shih Hospital n Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Teo Soo Cheng. Looking on is UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

UTAR signed two memoranda of understanding with Tung Shin Hospital - one in February 2009 and another one in May 2010.

The first MoU enabled both parties to work towards achieving the aim of generating awareness about traditional chinese medicine (TCM) and the offering of short courses on TCM as the University readied itself to offer a degree programme in chinese medicine.

After the MoU, the Centre of Extension Education (CEE) of UTAR began to invite qualified practitioners of TCM from Tung Shin hospital to give free public talks covering topics like theory of TCM, TCM and cancer treatment, TCM healthcare, etc. In addition, CEE also offers short courses on Acupuncture, the use of Chinese herbs, and others.

With the second MoU, UTAR and Tung Shin Hospital explore collaboration in areas like placement on TCM students from UTAR in Tung Shin Hospital for internship, the use of facilities and equipment for clinical training and other areas to achieve excellence in TCM teaching and training.

Ministry of Health, Malaysia



UTAR President Prof Chuah exchanging the signed documents with MoH Director-General Dato' Dr Hasan bin Abdul Rahman. Looking on are Minister of Health Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, (centre) and UTAR and MoH senior officials.

Towards quality healthcare service

UTAR has signed four memoranda of agreement (MoA) with the Ministry of Health (MoH). The first MoA was signed on 15 January 2010 whereby the University is allowed to use the government hospitals for the purpose of teaching and training of students under the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery or MBBS programme. The signing of the MoA has been instrumental for UTAR to start up the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS).

The signing of three Memoranda of Agreement between UTAR and the Ministry of Health on 4 July 2011 has formalised the use of government hospitals and health clinics for the purpose of teaching and training of UTAR students pursuing five programmes: Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) and Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) in FMHS, and allied health sciences programmes, namely, Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biochemistry, Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science, and Bachelor of Science (Honours) Microbiology of the Faculty of Science at UTAR Perak Campus in Kampar.

The MoAs marked the start of a remarkable and meaningful collaboration between the University and MoH towards achieving greater heights in providing quality healthcare service to the people.

Perak Entrepreneur and Skills Development Centre



Documents exchanged between UTAR and PESDC (from left): PESDC Vice Chairman Dato' Lim Si Boon, PESDC Chairman Dato' Gan Tack Kong, Perak State Executive Councillor Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon, UTAR Professor Chuah and UTAR Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology Ir Chan Cheong Loong.

UTAR signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Perak Entrepreneur & Skills Development Centre (PESDC) at UTAR Perak Campus on 22 July 2011.

With the signing of the MoU, both parties have agreed to work towards several common goals and objectives, including initiating joint projects involving collaborative research; facilitating academic development, exchanges comprising mutual research and teaching visits and participation in seminars, conferences and workshops; developing and promoting skills training and continuing education programmes; sharing knowledge and experience facilities for the research and development of new engineering projects; and organising and participating in joint academic activities.

Following the MoU, on 9 August 2011 three UTAR staff visited PESDC. During the visit, several areas of collaboration were identified wherein PESDC management agreed for UTAR to use their training equipment and to provide skill training courses for UTAR students and staff. PESDC too seeks the expertise from UTAR to run analytical/product evaluation testing for their manufacturer members.

MURATA Electronics, Malaysia



Documents exchanged (from left): Murata Electronics Malaysia General Manager Dr Wong Yik Ming, Murata Electronics Malaysia Managing Director Yoshihiro Tanaka, Perak State Executive Councillor Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon, UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei.

UTAR signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), with Murata Electronics (M) Sdn Bhd, at UTAR Perak Campus on 22 July 2011. Under the MoU, UTAR would work together with its partners on areas such as industrial research, skills and management training, entrepreneurial development, course development, staff exchange, internship and employment opportunities for UTAR students.

Upon signing the MoU, MURATA agreed to provide internship placement and scholarship to UTAR undergraduate students majoring in Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Material Engineering, Applied Science (Applied Physics, Applied Chemical), Management Engineering, Information Technology, Software, Accounting and Financing.

In advancing the education of youth for nation building, Murata will be exploring the provision of scholarships for UTAR engineering students and the placement of UTAR interns in Murata's engineering, accounting, finance, IT and other departments.

University of Ottawa, Canada



Documents exchanged between Prof Chuah and Liouis De Melo. Looking on are (from left) Prof Ewe, Annen Alland, Prof Dr Claude Lauge and Dato' Dr Ir Gan Thian Leong, Group Managing Director of Brunsfield Group.

UTAR opened up a new horizon of relationship with the University of Ottawa, Canada with the signing of a faculty/student exchange agreement on 14 May 2010 at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus.

Thereafter, Brunsfield, University of Ottawa and UTAR initiated a possible collaboration in the area of Photonics resulting in a visit to the University of Ottawa by two UTAR staff in October 2011. They were attached to the photonics laboratories to learn new techniques and developments in Photonics research.

In December 2011, UTAR, University of Ottawa, and University of Malaya worked together to organise three separate seminars to encourage research synergies and collaborations in energy, photonics and wastewater management.

The seminar on photonics was hosted by UTAR at the Faculty of Engineering and Science on 15 December 2011 where UTAR researchers talked about the research and development on Concentrator Photovoltaic System (CPS) for producing clean and sustainable energy in UTAR.

Xiamen University, China



(From left) Prof Sun Shi Gang (Vice President of XMU) shaking hands with Prof Ewe at the MoU signing ceremony. Looking on are Dr Hou Kok Chung, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Malaysia and Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting.

UTAR and Xiamen University (XMU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 24 September 2008 at a ceremony held in Xiamen, China. The MoU marked the start of collaborative efforts between UTAR and XMU for the advancements of both universities.

With the MoU, UTAR and XMU would explore the potential collaborative efforts covering the provisions of scholarships or assistantships to UTAR's postgraduate students to study at XMU and the possibilities of having student and staff exchange programmes.

For a start, Professor Dr Lee Guo Zheng from Xiamen University joined the Institute of Chinese Studies at UTAR Kampar campus as a visiting professor responsible for teaching, supervision, research and publications. He held a calligraphy exhibition of about 40 of his artworks in Perak campus in November 2011.

Ms. Yuan Jingjing, a Ph.D student of the Graduate School of Xiamen University visited UTAR as an exchange student to do research on her thesis "The Development and Changes of the Malaysian Chinese Association after 1980".

UTAR's collaboration with Xiamen University expanded into a joint research on Min-nan Studies that includes two other universities in Taiwan.

Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, China



Exchanging MoA documents (from left): Prof Cheong, Prof Chuah, Prof Wu, and Prof Dai

An MoU was signed with the Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine (NJUCM) on 22 January 2010 and this was followed by the signing of the MoA on 5 November 2010 to enhance the collaboration between the two universities on curriculum development, staff training and programme development and management in the field of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

Signing the MoA on behalf of UTAR was its President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, while his counterpart NJUCM President Prof Wu Mianhua signed on behalf of his university. Signing as witnesses for the two sister universities were UTAR Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Prof Dr Cheong Soon Keng and NJUCM Director of Department of International Cooperation and Exchange Prof Dai Shen.

This collaboration kicked off with the appointment of three visiting professors, who are involved in teaching, supervision, and knowledge exchange, from Nanjing University to UTAR.

Prof Li Yisheng is in UTAR from 10 October 2011 to 20 May 2012 to teach the subject 'Basics of TCM'. Prof Chen Weiping is in UTAR from 9 January 2012 to 20 May 2012 to teach the subject 'Chinese Materia Medica'. Prof Yang Yaping is in UTAR from 9 January 2012 to 30 September 2012 to teach subject 'TCM Diagnostics'.

Hai-O Energy



Exchanging of documents between UTAR President Prof Chuah and Chairman of Hai-O Energy Mr Tan Kai Hee. Looking on (left to right): Suvit Lee, the inventor of the innovative heat transfer technology and also technical director of Hai-O Energy, Dato' Dr. Hou Kok Chung, Deputy Minister of Higher Education Malaysia and Chairman of Hai-O Enterprise Bhd. Tan Sri Osman Cassim.

UTAR and Hai-O Energy (M) Sdn Bhd a subsidiary of Hai-O Enterprise Bhd, formalised their collaboration through two memoranda of understanding at a signing ceremony held at the Bankers' Club in Kuala Lumpur on 23 August 2010.

The first MoU is for collaborative research into the theory and applications of an innovative heat transfer material proprietary to Hai-O Energy with the objective of expanding the usage of this new and high industrial technology which can help reduce energy consumption and conserve the environment. The technological breakthrough and the MoU provided a great opportunity for UTAR researchers to further develop the material with Hai-O Energy.

The second MoU is on the provision of internships to UTAR students and jobs to UTAR graduates in Hai-O Group. This understanding is a win-win arrangement for both partners as UTAR students and graduates will be provided with more internship and job opportunities while Hai-O Group can secure a ready source of qualified and well-trained employees.

Eu Yan Sang



Documents exchanged between UTAR President Prof Chuah and Eu Yan Sang Group CEO Richard Eu. Looking on are Prof Lee and Mr Lok

UTAR and Eu Yan Sang Sdn Bhd (EYS), a subsidiary of EYS group with healthcare businesses that focus on Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and integrative healthcare, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24 February 2009.

The understanding was formalised by UTAR President Professor Chuah and EYS Group CEO Richard Eu at a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur. UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Professor Lee Sze Wei and EYS Managing Director Mr Lok Eng Hock signed the MoU as witnesses.

Both parties forged the partnership with the aim of initiating joint research projects and joint development of research in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and sharing expertise. In addition, they were also keen to look into undertaking student/staff attachments for capability development in TCM research.

The EYS-UTAR research project over the past two years has successfully developed the extraction method to purify an active compound from the local medicinal plant. Now, this has gone into the second phase of the project to look into the setting up an extraction apparatus to purify the active compound.

Currently, the University is working with EYS international on filing a patent for the outcome of this collaborative project.

Selangor Freight Forwarders & Logistics Association (SFFLA)



SFFLA President Alvin Chua Seng Wah (second from left) and UTAR Vice President Prof Ewe exchanging the documents. Looking on is Dato' Yap Kin Sian (centre).

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and Selangor Freight Forwarders and Logistics Association (SFFLA) are collaborating to develop and conduct freight forwarding and logistics programmes with a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the two parties on 18 March 2010.

The MoA, which was follow-up on an MoU signed on August 2009, was signed by Prof. Dr. Ewe Hong Tat, UTAR Vice President of Internationalisation and Academic Development, and Mr. Alvin Chua Seng Wah, SFFLA Acting President. Witnesses for the MoA were Dr. Prudence Goh Eam Cheng, UTAR Director of Centre for Extension Education and Mr. Wee Ah Sah, SFFLA Honorary Secretary General.

The programmes that will be developed cover SFFLA certification programme and SFFLA-UTAR collaborative programmes such as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses, training courses and other courses that are related to freight forwarding and logistics.

UTAR through its Centre for Extension Education (CEE) has begun offering 'Certification Course in Freight Forwarding' in collaboration with SFFLA. The course is aimed at enhancing the career prospects of freight forwarders, SME logistics personnel and multimodal transport operators.

Infineon Technologies, Kulim



MoU signed (from left): Ir Chan, Professor Lee, Dr Andreas, and Tan

UTAR and Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn. Bhd, signed an MoU on 19 January 2011. Under the MoU, the two parties will jointly initiate collaborative research and development and encourage and facilitate mutual exchanges and interactions, including mutual visits by staff members to pursue research, and training. Both parties will also organise and participate in seminars, conferences, workshops, and publications; study visits and industrial attachments by UTAR students for the purpose of enhancing learning experiences and for R&D. Infineon staff will undertake training and academic programmes such as PhD studies, and research activities with UTAR.

Tunghai University, Taiwan



Documents signing (from left): Prof Ewe, Prof Chuah, Dato' Dr Hou, Prof Chen, Prof Chiu and Prof Huang.

UTAR and Tunghai University, Taiwan, signed an MoU on 20 December 2010. The MoU covers research and development, academic development exchanges, developing new teaching and learning technologies, study visits and student exchanges. In November 2011, 40 UTAR students accompanied by three staff visited the University to learn more about the Chinese Language and culture as spoken and taught in Taiwan.

Ken Holdings



Prof Lee (second from left) exchanging documents with Ken Holdings executive director Tan Chek Siong (second from right). With them are Tan Boon Kang (middle), Tang Kam Chee (far right) and Prof Faidz (far left)

UTAR and Ken Holdings Bhd signed an MoU on joint efforts and development of research involving green technology on 18 April 2011. Under the MoU, UTAR will work together with Ken Holdings, an award-winning green property developer, on collaborative research and development, academic development, staff and student exchanges, and organisation of academic activities such as conferences, workshops, publications, and seminars.

Doshin Rubber



Documents exchanged (from left): Prof Lee, Prof Chuah, Or and Lim

UTAR and Doshin Rubber Products (M) Sdn Bhd signed an MoU on 13 May 2011. Under the MoU, the partners would work towards jointly holding a patent of an improved rubber base isolator with greener, more sustainable and economical features.

The two parties were also keen to commercialise another product called 'energy-efficient aerated lightweight block/panel' patented by UTAR recently.

Microsoft Malaysia



Exchanging signed documents: (from left) Former UTAR President Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee, UTAR Council Chairman, Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, Former Microsoft Malaysia Managing Director Mr Butt Wai Choon.

With the MoU signed with Microsoft Malaysia in December 2003, UTAR became the first private institution of higher learning to adopt the ASP.NET curriculum, facilitating the incorporation of relevant industry technologies into the university's ICT programmes.

Thereafter, Microsoft had provided UTAR with the necessary resources like Microsoft Academic Resource Kit 3.0 and also sponsored UTAR in the subscription of Microsoft Developer Network Academic Alliance (MSDNAA). Microsoft Malaysia had arranged for guest speakers to visit UTAR to give talks on ASP.NET and other Microsoft technologies. These lectures and forums have allowed students to gain valuable practical experience and keep abreast with the latest developments in today's cutting-edge information technologies.

Microsoft had sponsored lecturers to be trained by their training partners and regional experts covering training like Visual Basic/C# programming, ASP.NET, Microsoft SQL Server, .Net Compact Framework, Microsoft Web Services Enhancement and others. UTAR lecturers were given the honour to attend and present talk in the Asia Pacific region technology conferences as well.

UTAR students from the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) have also benefited the internship programme developed in collaboration with Microsoft. In addition, UTAR had been active in the Microsoft Student Ambassador or Microsoft Student Partner programme. Students were selected to become Microsoft representative within the student community in the University. UTAR active involvement can be seen from the result of two UTAR students Derek Chan Mun Hoe and Vicknesh a/I R.M. Vaithianathan being awarded the Microsoft Best Ambassador Award. The university itself had been a platform for the newly launched Microsoft Technologies.

Mokpo National Univeristy, South Korea



Prof Ihm (left) and Prof Chuah at the MoU signing ceremony.

UTAR and Mokpo National University (MNU), South Korea signed an MoU on 6 February 2009, covering international research, expertise sharing and the provision of study visits and exchange programmes for students from UTAR and MNU to enhance their learning experience.

Since then, UTAR students have made two trips to experience and discover the wonders of South Korea when they participated in the 12th 'Korean Language and Culture Training Programme' organised by Mokpo National University (MNU) held at the South Korean university in 2009 and 2010.

At Mokpo National Unviersity, UTAR students attended classes, went on exploratory trips to various sites and places of history and culture. Some of the outdoor activities included making Korean pottery, making traditional kite, making tea for ceremonies and even cooking traditional Korea food. Students even got a chance to wear the traditional Han-bok.



From December 2009 until April 2010, UTAR also worked with Google for the Google 'SME Business Stimulus Package' Project where 54 students from Faculty of Information and Communication Technology from Petaling Campus and Perak campuses, working in 18 teams, completed the development of business websites for 91 SME companies using Google technologies. This project did not only train the students on entrepreneurial skills but also expose them to the latest Google technologies. This collaboration has benefited the local small and medium enterprises by boosting their online presence.

JobStreet.com



Mark Chang, Founder and CEO of JobStreet.com

The University and Jobstreet.com Sdn. Bhd., the operator of a leading recruitment portal in the Asia-Pacific, signed a research agreement on 1 March 2010. The two parties had earlier signed an MoU in January the same year.

The agreement with research funding of more than RM120,000 from JobStreet.com has enabled JobStreet and UTAR researchers to work together on two projects. One involves the designing and development of smart algorithm in recommending suitable and related jobs for job applicants based on collective learning technology. The technology developed will be able to assist job applicants with better suggestion of jobs of interest to them.

The other is an industry focus research project on the labour market in private sectors to understand the functioning and dynamics of the labour market of selected South East Asia (SEA) countries. The findings of the study will be very useful for the study of policies for the greater benefits of the nation and households.

In addition to this, Job Street.com has allocated a number of "JobStreet Best Graduate Awards", which comes with a cash prize and a certificate, to be awarded to excellent UTAR graduates from different faculties for the next ten years starting from year 2010.

Mark Chang, the founder and CEO of Jobstreet.com, is the man behind the Little Rain Children Trust which had sponsored the Little Rain Children Trust Social Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition 2010-2011 held at UTAR Perak Campus in Kampar on 9 March 2011.

Chinese University of Hong Kong



(Understanding sealed (From left): Dr Victor S K Lee, Director of CUHK's School of Continuing Professional Studies (SCPS); Mr Kenneth Chan Kin Ching, Head of Mainland Affairs and Training Services of SCPS; UTAR President Prof Chuah, Dr Prudence Goh Eam Cheng, former Director of UTAR's Centre for Extension Education (CEE) and Mr Sia Ka Ngan, Senior Manager of CEE.

On 14 October 2008, UTAR and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) signed an MoU that covers credit transfer articulation, CUHK students coming to UTAR for special short programmes or a semester and transferring the credits back to CUHK, offering CUHK's traditional Chinese medicine programmes at CEE, and staff exchange.

I-Shou University, Taiwan



UTAR President Prof Chuah exchanging signed documents with ISU Vice President Yen Jih-Rong. Looking on are (from left) Prof Ewe, UTAR Vice President, Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Malaysia and ISU Dean of International Affairs Dr Hsieh Shih-Chieh

On 13 July 2011, UTAR and I-Shou University (ISU) inked an MoU that covers short term visits, study tours and credit transfers for International Business and Global Economics students, supervision of post-graduate students, academic staff exchange and pathways for MBBS and Traditional Chinese Medicine programme students. Subsequently, a group of 28 UTAR students went on a study tour of I-Shou University in December 2011 during which they attended classes enhancing their soft skills and explore the life and culture of Taiwan.

MIMOS



Exchanging signed documents: (from left) UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, and MIMOS President & CEO Dato' Abdul Wahab bin Abdullah.

UTAR and MIMOS Berhad, Malaysia's premier applied research centre in frontier technologies, jointly set up a pattern recognition and machine vision laboratory aimed at enhancing Malaysia's standing in the field of pattern recognition and vision systems after a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the two parties on 28 July 2008.

MIMOS' Centre for Multimodal Signal Processing (CMS) had worked closely with UTAR's Faculty of Information and Communication Technology to set up the joint laboratory at the University's Kuala Lumpur Campus in Setapak.

The UTAR-MIMOS collaboration has resulted in the transfer of knowledge and expertise; promotion of research activities in specific fields of pattern recognition and vision systems with the ultimate aim of producing cost-effective technology platforms which the indigenous industries can further develop into products and services to meet market demand.

MIMOS and UTAR endeavour to make significant contributions to the challenging domain of pattern recognition and machine vision to benefit industries such as manufacturing, agriculture, automobile, security, etc. which heavily rely on such technologies.

The final product from the ongoing collaborative research between the two parties will be software platforms/applications that can subsequently be patented and moved onto future phases of commercialisation by interested third parties.

Lions Club of Cybercare Kuala Lumpur



A community partnership sealed : (from left) Former UTAR President Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee , Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting and Lion Cheong Yuk Chai, Charter President of Lions Club of Cybercare Kuala Lumpur

UTAR has always placed emphasis on the importance of industrial training for its undergraduates. In line with this emphasis, UTAR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the LIONS Club of Cybercare Kuala Lumpur on 10 May 2005. The incorporation of the UTAR-CyberCare collaboration as one of the University's industrial training programmes has contributed towards the goal of moulding UTAR graduates into responsible and caring citizens of the nation.

With the MoU, UTAR students, especially students from the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT), have the opportunities to analyse, design, develop, implement, maintain and enhance systems, ideas and technologies that support Lion's CyberCare Community System, a web-based system to line a community of orphanages, administrators, volunteers, sponsors and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to form a caring e-community.

Since the MoU, UTAR students have been involved in many community service projects. For example, in September 2009, UTAR undergraduates formed a group named the Growth, Responsible, and Inspire in Nature (GRIN) while undergoing internship at Cybercare and helped plant 500 bamboo shoots in Kota Damansara Community Forest in Selangor, coached children on life skills, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and talked about community service projects like the bamboo shoot planting project to the children.