

UniMAP Forms Partnerships with Three Universities in Saudi Arabia

Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) has forged strategic cooperation with three universities in Saudi Arabia to collaborate in the fields of nanotechnology, biomedicine and microelectronic engineering. At the signing of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Buraydah College, the latter was represented by Chancellor Dr Abdullah Al Shetaiwi, while UniMAP was represented by Vice-Chancellor Datuk Prof. Dr Kamarudin Hussin.

According to UniMAP's vice-chancellor, Buraydah College was chosen as it was regarded as capable of forming and outlining an academic and research partnership which would develop UniMAP's microelectronic engineering curriculum, especially in nanotechnology. The partnership includes an exchange programme involving students and staff. UniMAP and Buraydah College will also work to develop an academic curriculum for nanotechnology, as well as turn UniMAP's laboratory as a centre for practical training.

UniMAP also fostered a relationship with the King Saud University (KSU) in Riyadh with a focus on cooperation in the same fields. As a result, UniMAP will begin a biomedicine programme in September this year or early next year. Datuk Prof. Dr Kamarudin pointed out that KSU had also agreed to collaborate on research in optics. In addition, the Al-Farabi College in Jeddah has also expressed interest in working with UniMAP to develop the engineering and biomedicine curriculum.

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