

Five Country Collaboration on Research and Education

On March 30 2009, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand hosted an international forum in Bangkok to advance educational and research collaborations among Thailand, China, Canada, Vietnam and Malaysia. The forum was attended by Hunan University (HNU), Xiamen University of Technology (XMUT), China, University of Regina (U of R), Canada, PetroVietnam University Project Management Board (PVUPMB), Vietnam, and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Malaysia. The four member UniMAP delegation to the forum was headed by Prof. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

To encourage educational and research collaborations, the six institutions have agreed to the following forms of collaboration:

- Joint education and research activities
- Exchange of academic materials and academic publications
- Exchange of faculty members for research, lectures, and discussion
- Exchange of students for study, research, and other activities
- Organisation of joint academic and scientific conferences

The current secretariat, KMUTT, will serve until March 2010. The next forum will be held in 2011 by XMUT which will take over as the secretariat for the period April 2010 to March 2012.

In the next forum, the participating institutions will have extensive discussions regarding various aspects of bilateral and multi-lateral collaborations. To benefit from these collaborations, it is hoped that all schools, institutes and centres will initiate proposals for collaborations and forward them to the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) for further action.

