

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI PETRONAS (UTP), MALAYSIA
AND
GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (GUT), AUSTRIA



Prof. Dr. Sünkel, Ambassador Dr. Köck, Datuk Dr. Zainal

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The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Graz University of Technology (GUT), Austria and *Universiti Teknologi* PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia on that day marked another important milestone for both GUT and UTP in their quest to attain academic and R&D excellence. The event, which took place on that day at UTP's campus in Bandar Seri Iskandar, was attended by the Austrian Ambassador to Malaysia, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Donatus Köck, the Rector of GUT Prof. Dr. Hans Sünkel, the Rector of UTP Datuk Dr. Zainal Abidin bin Hj Kasim and senior officials and representatives from GUT, UTP, PETRONAS' Research and Technology Division and BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG.

The formalisation of alliance between these two leading institutions of higher learning in their respective countries has paved the way for further meaningful collaboration between them which amongst others extends to the following areas:

- i. Staff Development Programme
- ii. Undergraduate Student Exchange Programme
- iii. Postgraduate Student Exchange Programme
- iv. Joint Research and Development Activities
- v. Joint Academic and Scientific Activities
- vi. Exchange of information

As Graz University of Technology Rector Prof. Dr. Hans Sünkel explained, "With the cooperation agreement with UTP, GUT is laying a foundation stone for a close collaboration involving the exchange of students and scientists as well as shared research projects". The first batch of students from GUT will be able to gather experience abroad at UTP as early as July. Scientific staff will soon follow, as well as cooperations in engineering science research.

UTP's Rector, Datuk Dr. Zainal Abidin Haji Kasim is very pleased to welcome the Austrian students to UTP: "Since its inception UTP has been emphasizing on the provision of high quality education to ensure that students will develop their potential to the maximum. Our programmes are specially designed in collaboration and consultation with the relevant industry authorities and professional bodies."

It is expected that this collaboration will not only benefit GUT and UTP but also to the industries that are linked to both universities through research projects. This is because GUT and UTP can become the conduit for the industries to explore wider spectrum in technology and innovation and also to develop future scientists, researchers, engineers and technical personnel for the industries.

GUT pursues top teaching and research in the fields of the engineering sciences and the technical-natural sciences. It offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses. Ultimately, the quality of the education and training at GUT is carried by the strength of its knowledge-oriented and applied research.

UTP offers a wide range of engineering and technology programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels complemented with a strong focus on Research and Development. The programmes are designed with high industry relevance to provide a dynamic learning environment.

The cooperation between GUT and UTP was initiated by the Malaysian oil company PETRONAS and well known Austrian engine developer and manufacturer BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG that are jointly developing engines for recreational application.



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