

Industry exposure for UM students



Knowledge sharing mission: Raghu (second left) and Prof Yatimah exchanging the MOU documents. Looking on are WD Tech and Regional Center senior director (strategic operations) Sudhir Bhassu (far left) and UM Faculty of Engineering dean Prof Dr. Kaharudin Dimiyati (far right).

A NEW academia-industry partnership is set to provide various knowledge exchange opportunities for students and academics at Universiti Malaya (UM).

Over the next five years, the students will gain exposure to the electronics industry through data infrastructure company Western Digital while the academics will have access to its industry-related expertise, and new skills, data and equipment which will enable their research to achieve tangible impacts.

Present to sign the memorandum of understanding (MoU) at a recent ceremony were UM deputy vice chancellor (Academic & International) Prof Dr Yatimah Alias and Western Digital Tech and Regional Center (M) Sdn Bhd vice president and managing director Raghu Bathamenadan.

Prof Yatimah said collaborations, partnerships and engagements with local and global industries ensure that the varsity, being the country's premier university, continues to lead on multiple fronts and capitalise on its talents and strengths.

"It is a privilege to have a global industry player like Western Digital be one of our important partners.

"I see a fantastic window of opportunity for UM to be involved and expand mutually beneficial collaborations in research projects that can create value to society through innovative solutions," she said in press release on June 29.

Describing the collaboration as a critical component of the innovation process, Raghu said it will provide a myriad of mutual benefits to both parties.

"We will benefit from access to new graduate talent, the university's cutting-edge resources, and improved business performance through collaboration with the students in developing new techniques or technologies," he said.