

# UMS collaborating with Wuyi University of China

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Wuyi University of China have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in various fields.

The signing ceremony was held at Hotel Mercure here on Sunday, with UMS represented by its Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor, while Wuyi University by its Vice President Dr Chen Tinggen.

Kasim said the collaboration in various fields of expertise between the two universities will impact not only UMS but also the local community in Sabah.

"This collaboration can mould our graduates and staff to be more competitive and well-equipped through mobility programmes and global interaction experiences.

"It can strengthen the cooperation network in higher education and research fields between Malaysian and Chinese universities.

"Joint research that benefits society and the nation can be produced.

"It can also strengthen the exchange and sharing of knowledge between universities to enhance academia and professionalism," he said.

Kasim specified the initiatives to be carried out between UMS and Wuyi University in the agreed fields following the MoU.

"Through this solid cooperation, it will increase the number of



Kasim (second left) and Chen to his right holding the MoU alongside the rest of the delegation.

joint research and publications with international experts.

"It can provide global exposure to staff and students through international mobility programmes.

"In addition, it can promote UMS' expertise globally through joint publications and the organisation of international conferences.

"It also enables UMS to obtain quality 'academic contracts' to be listed in the Academic Contact for QS World University rankings," he said.

Chen said the two universities have achieved many successes

together since they signed a Letter of Intent in 2017.

On June 24, 2018, eight UMS engineering students underwent two months of high-speed rail management and maintenance training at Wuyi University.

From August 9 to 24, 2018, Wuyi University sent 25 of its students to UMS to attend a professional course on Artificial Intelligence (Fuzzy Logic) Optimisation Engineering.

He said this cooperation has resulted in the following outcomes:

Three mobility programmes (professional courses) for Wuyi

University students to UMS

Two mobility programmes (internship training) for UMS students to Wuyi University

Six joint seminar series between the two universities

Twenty Scopus-indexed publications from 2018 to 2023

"In the past seven years, Wuyi University and UMS have noted many fruitful initiatives together.

"We hope that we can continue this cooperation not only through the exchange of students but also joint researches, publication of papers and holding international conferences," he said.