

UMS, Korean institute to exchange expertise

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Kota Kinabalu: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Wednesday that will see an exchange of knowledge and expertise from scientists and researchers with the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST).

UMS Vice-Chancellor, Tan Sri Prof. Dr Abu Hassan Othman, said they were honoured to foster this smart partnership with scientists from GIST in the sharing of aspirations, knowledge and capacity-building through teaching and research in science and technology.

"Partnership brings about mutual opportunities and responsibilities in finding new discoveries and knowledge for the benefit of mankind," he said.

Abu Hassan said UMS and GIST have made reciprocal visits previously and UMS realised there was considerable potential for harnessing mutual strengths and synergies.

"Based on the positive response from GIST, a visit led by myself in December 2004 was organised to discuss potential areas of collaboration between the two institutions," he said.

Other than facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise, the collaborative efforts in academic and research by both institutions could also provide a platform for research collaboration, he said.

Meanwhile, President of GIST, Prof. Jung-Woong Ra, hoped this understanding would be a stepping stone towards greater heights for both institutions.

Also present were delegates from GIST and Chairman of the UMS Board of Directors, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Egeh.