

Shell, UMS sign MoU to establish, develop academic exchange



(seated L to R) No'man, Dr D Kamarudin, Nur-Azlina and Jonathan during the signing.

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Shell Petroleum Co Ltd (Shell) on Thursday strengthened its partnership with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through a Memorandum of Under-

standing (MoU) to collaboratively establish and develop academic exchange and co-operation in teaching and training.

As part of the agreement,

both parties would work together on participation in selected students' training and awareness programmes, introducing programmes that enhance the marketability and

employability of students and other forms of collaboration that would mutually benefit both Shell and UMS.

The MoU between Shell and UMS comprised two sections with the first part of the MoU being an agreement for Shell to conduct an Immersion Module project over the course of 10 weeks.

"The objective of this programme is to enhance students' critical thinking, and problem-solving skills through team work.

"We believe that these are the essential skills that employers will look for in today's working environment," said Prithipal Singh, the General Manager of Sabah Shell Petroleum.

He said this programme consisted of simulations of real working environments with challenges that would enable students to understand the critical success factors when delivering a major project for a multinational company.

And, with this partnership with UMS, he said they aimed

to enhance the employability of undergraduates by supporting them towards developing the needed skills and capabilities.

The second part of the MoU consisted of the appointment of Prithipal as the CEO@Faculty of UMS under the initiative of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Prithipal will spend time engaging with UMS students through various speaking engagements and career talks as part of Shell's commitment towards developing local talent.

"The employability of our youths is an important eco-

nomical indicator for our nation. As an institution of higher learning, UMS is responsible for producing a highly-knowledgeable and highly-skilled workforce for the labour market," UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin said.

Signing the MoU on behalf of UMS was Dr D Kamarudin while Shell was represented by the general manager of human resources Nur-Azlina Mohd Yazid and witnessed by UMS Registrar, No'man Haji Ahmad and Senior Manager (Government Relations for East Malaysia) of Shell Malaysia Jonathan Jolly.

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