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## **Closer ties between Malaysia-Bosnia following MoU signed by UMP and MBTCA**

16 April 2019

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia Bosnia Trade Cooperation Association (MBTCA) that would pave the way for collaborations in the fields of engineering and technology with universities in Bosnia.

The MoU was signed on April 5, 2019, involving programmes such as Bachelor's degrees in

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mechanical engineering, mechatronic, civil engineering, manufacturing, computer, electrical, chemical and science as well as possible joint research works.

UMP was represented by its Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff while MBTCA by its Board of Members' Director, Najib Abbas.

It was witnessed by Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid Yusof and MBTCA Chairman, Datuk Subhi Haji Dziauddin.

Also present was Automotive Excellence Centre (AEC) Director, Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Adam Abdullah.

Professor Ir. Dr Wan Azhar said the collaboration with MBTCA would involve developing research works and sharing of facilities, data, knowledge and skills as well as other resources that would bring mutual benefits.

“This amicable ties forged will benefit the good ties enjoyed by the country's learning institutes especially in offering courses related to engineering and technology.

“This will also include having joint conferences, developing human resource and human capital and exchange student programme,” he said after the signing ceremony that was held at the Islamic Complex in Putrajaya.

The patron of MBTCA is Prime Minister Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad while the advisor is Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid Yusof,

MBTCA is a platform where strategic planning, drafting of policies and conducive framework are carried out to promote bilateral trade ties between the two countries.

It involves six clusters – relationship between countries, education, business, tourism, halal industry and establishment of institutions.

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