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## UMP seals collaboration with IWK and VETSB

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PAYA BESAR, 15 April 2022 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Indah Water Konsortium Sdn. Bhd. (IWK) sealed a collaboration in the field of domestic and industrial wastewater treatment technology.

With this collaboration, UMP and IWK will share expertise to conduct research and development in the field of wastewater processing.

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Meanwhile, the collaboration of UMP and Velcro Envirotech Sdn. Bhd. (VETSB) will empower TVET programmes and excellent research in the future.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) saw UMP was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Ts. Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli and the Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering Technology (FTKA), Ir. Dr. Fadzil Mat Yahaya.

VETSB was represented by the Managing Director, Mohd Shah Rizal Zohri and Chief Financial Officer, Yuliasmi Eddy.

Meanwhile, IWK was joined online by the Chief Executive Officer, Narendran Maniam and Senior Manager of Operations, Haji Mohd Zainal Zakaria.

According to Professor Ts. Dr. Kamal, UMP will offer expertise and experience by promoting professional development to IWK staff through the Industry Postgraduate programme at the university.

“IWK will offer an academic industry attachment programme to UMP staff and industrial training to UMP students.

“Meanwhile, the bilateral collaboration between VETSB and UMP will be leveraged to empower TVET and research programmes,” he said.

He hoped that UMP researchers and students could benefit from the experience and expertise of IWK and VETSB through the signing of this MoU.

For Narendran Maniam, this collaboration can highlight the industry capabilities and expertise of local universities at the international level.

“UMP and IWK will share expertise to conduct research and development in the field of wastewater processing,” he said.

Meanwhile, for Mohd Shah Rizal, VETSB is a private company that offers technical solutions related to environmental problems in various sectors.

“VETSB has more than 20 years of experience in environmental management, environmental pollution control engineering and waste management, and I believe it can help improve the skills for lecturers and graduate employability to seize future employment opportunities,” he said.

Among the benefits established through the collaboration between the two organisations are the offering of training and technical experience with the industry, collaboration in upgrading the technical capabilities of the industry, generation of knowledge and advanced technology through research initiatives and generation of new technologies.

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