Renewed pact

NEWCASTLE University and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) building on their successful partnership.

The renewed MoU, which was signed at a ceremony at Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed), underpins a further commitment to collaborate on clean water research.

The meeting enabled the vice-chancellors of Newcastle University and UTM to establish their own personal connection.

The renewal of the MoU was signed by Newcastle University vice-chancellor and president Prof Chris Day

and UTM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Wahid Omar.

NUMed provost and CEO Prof Roger Barton and UTM Centre for Environmental Sustainability and Water Security (IPASA) director Prof Azmi Aris, acted as witnesses for the signing of the documents.

On the signing of the MoU, Newcastle University welcomed the opportunity to continue their longstanding relationship with UTM which has been active since 1992.

“Newcastle has enjoyed significant engagement in Malaysia over several decades and we are proud that many of our alumni have worked at UTM.

“Currently 20 members of UTM academic staff hold a higher degree from Newcastle University which demonstrates the strength of the partnership between the two universities and our two countries,” said Prof Day.

“UTM have also shown their continued support to Newcastle University and most recently are our main collaborator in a proposed large research initiative on clean water research centres,” he added.

Recent engagement among NUMed, the Newcastle University School of Engineering and UTM’s Faculty of Biosciences and Medical Engineering and IPASA, has led to joint work on antimicrobial resistance-transfer through water treatment plants in Johor.

This has resulted in a significant success, announced jointly on the day of the MoU signing - the award of a Newton Fund grant for a project to improve community health in Malaysia using sustainable decentralised wastewater treatment.

This will strengthen links between Newcastle University, UTM and government and industrial partners to guide decentralised wastewater treatment solutions for Malaysia.

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