



The transfer articulation agreement's signing ceremony in session at UniKL's main campus.

UniKL partners with Korea's tech varsity, fostering cooperation in IT field

KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) has officially formalised its partnership with Seoul National University of Science and Technology (SEOULTECH) in Korea, through the signing of a transfer articulation agreement. This landmark agreement marks a significant step in fostering academic collaboration, students' mobility, and international cooperation in the field of information technology (IT).

The signing ceremony, held at UniKL's main campus recently, was attended by members of the faculty, staff, and distinguished guests from both institutions.

UniKL president and chief executive officer Prof Azman Senin, in his opening speech for the event, highlighted the deep-rooted partnership between UniKL and SEOULTECH.

He also emphasised the success of SEOULTECH's ongoing student exchange programmes, which had played a vital role in enriching academic experiences and promoting cultural exchange between Malaysia and Korea.

SEOULTECH's Prof Dong Hwan Kim, meanwhile, underlined the mutual benefits of this collaboration.

The partnership between UniKL and SEOULTECH has been strengthened through a series of impactful student mobility programs. Last year, 20 students from UniKL Malaysian

Institute of Information Technology (UniKL MIIT) took part in the 'Winter Camp' at SEOULTECH, followed by 25 students joining last month.

Similarly, UniKL MIIT hosted 14 students from SEOULTECH in the English Edutourism Programme in July last year, and another 10 students early this year.

"These initiatives have provided the students with invaluable academic enrichment, cultural immersion, and opportunities for personal growth while fostering international friendships and cross-cultural understanding," said UniKL in a statement.

Building on this strong foundation, the newly-signed transfer articulation agreement introduces a 3+2 Transfer Degree Programme, enabling UniKL's Diploma in IT students to pursue their Bachelor of Computer Science and Engineering at SEOULTECH.

Under this programme, students will complete three years at UniKL MIIT before transferring to SEOULTECH for the final two years, culminating in each of them attaining a globally recognised degree.

"The collaboration will extend beyond students' mobility to include visiting lecturer attachments, further fostering academic exchange, knowledge sharing, and deeper institutional ties."

The transfer articulation

agreement presents numerous benefits for both universities.

"For UniKL, it underscores its commitment to delivering cost-effective, high-quality education while positioning itself as a significant player in the global education landscape," said Azman.

For SEOULTECH, this programme would allow it to welcome a diverse cohort of internationally-driven students, enriching its academic community with fresh perspectives.

Moreover, the program meant to equip students with the technical expertise, international exposure, and critical-thinking skills essential for thriving in the digital economy, contributing to a globally competitive IT workforce.

Adding on, Azman expressed his gratitude to SEOULTECH for its continued support in providing UniKL students with invaluable academic opportunities.

"I reiterate the optimism for the future of this partnership, emphasising its potential to benefit countless students in the years to come."

"With this strengthened alliance, UniKL and SEOULTECH reaffirm their shared commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and international collaboration, paving the way for a brighter future in IT education and beyond."