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UniKL, Cranfield University to forge cooperation in aerospace

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Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Aviation Technology (UniKL MIAT) will forge collaboration with Cranfield University in the United Kingdom (UK) to produce experts in the aerospace field.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said through the collaboration, a postgraduate programme would be offered based on Higher Technical and Vocational Education and Training (H-TVET), to support the technology development and the needs of the country's aerospace industry.

"Yesterday, I met with (Cranfield University) Pro

Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Atkinson as well as the Dean of Aerospace Engineering and if possible we want collaborate with this university for UniKL to further improve its students' performance," he said in a statement yesterday.

Through the collaboration, Mahdzir said UniKL would also be able to increase its expertise and manpower to offer H-TVET post-graduate programmes in line with the needs of the industry and the latest aerospace technology.

Apart from that, Mahdzir said the collaboration would also enable UniKL to build a regional centre of excellence for aerospace postgraduate programmes based on the

needs of the industry and at the same time able to create an ecosystem for aerospace industry players.

He said a five-year cooperation agreement would be signed by both parties soon adding that UniKL MIAT could benefit from Cranfield University's direct link with Airbus and Rolls-Royce companies.

"We at UniKL MIAT already have students in aerospace engineering at the professional certificate, diploma and bachelor's degree levels.

"So we want to further improve the quality of students and offer programmes at the master's and Phd levels," said Mahdzir.— Bernama