

SEVERAL Memorandum's SIGNED IN THE MIDDLE EAST



From Left: Associate Vice President for Special Projects, Dr. Mahmoud Almsafir exchanging the MoU with Dr. Maoun Hallak of Mamoun Private University for Science and Technology (MUST)

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 April 2007 - UCSI recently signed several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with two private universities and a training centre in Syria and Jordan.

According to its Associate Vice President for Special Projects, Dr. Mahmoud Almsafir, the MoUs were signed with the Syrian International Private University for Science and Technology, Mamoun Private University for Science and Technology (MUST) and Mamoun International Corporation.

“There was strong interest shown by our counterparts to discuss the possibility of recruiting professors from Malaysia, and sending their students and staff to UCSI during the summer holidays,” he said.

The president of Mamoun Private University for Science and Technology (MUST), Dr. Maoun Halak, for example, immediately requested for professors

and associate professors in Business Administration and Computer Engineering to be deployed to their institution.

“They need our assistance and know-how to establish a multimedia faculty in their university,” Dr. Mahmoud said.

Mamoun International Corporation, which operates a major training centre in Syria, organises and conducts between 400 to 500 different courses. “Its president has expressed interest in running these courses here in Malaysia,” Dr. Mahmoud added.

UCSI was the only Malaysian private educational institution which participated in the Educational and Training Exhibition (ETEX), besides University of Malaya. According to Dr. Mahmoud, the responses from the Syrian students and their parents were very good.

Earlier, Dr. Mahmoud and a few other UCSI staff paid a courtesy call to the ambassador of Malaysia to Syria, His Excellency Datuk Zainudeen bin Yahya and the Ministry of Higher Education in Amman, Jordan to discuss issues relating to accreditation.