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**SKUDAI, JOHOR:** MIMOS and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) recently launched their Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Telecommunication Technology at UTM's Faculty of Electrical Engineering in driving the nation's transition to a Ubiquitous Network Society.

The CoE is aimed at strengthening research and development (R&D) activities in the telecommunications field and enhancing the competitiveness of Johor's local ICT industry within Iskandar Malaysia. Leveraging on UTM's more than 20 years of expertise and experience in the areas of telecommunications technology, the CoE at UTM will create new information and communications (ICT) job opportunities and enhance the capacity and domain expert competency development of the local people within Iskandar Malaysia in line with MIMOS' human capital development efforts.

"The establishment of the CoE at UTM is a further demonstration of MIMOS' efforts in empowering local universities as our virtual researchers.

UTM has enormous potential to excel in R&D and MIMOS' as the premier applied research centre in frontier technologies is well-positioned to ensure it reaches its full potential," said Dato' Abdul Wahab Abdullah, President & CEO, MIMOS.

The collaboration between MIMOS and UTM via the CoE will result in the transfer of knowledge and expertise and

promote research activities with the ultimate aim of producing cost-effective base technology platforms which the indigenous industries can further develop into products and services to meet market demands.

UTM Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zaini Ujang added, "ICT is the tool that will shape the future in our endeavour to address various socio-economic challenges and issues in areas such as health, transport, manufacturing, environment, security and education, to name a few. We believe that UTM, being the leading academic institution in the field of telecommunication has the potential to spearhead in research and innovation".

The collaboration work with MIMOS will further boost UTM research and innovation initiative as a leading academic and research institution in Iskandar region. This is in line with our Prime Minister's goal of reshaping our economy through innovation to improve competitiveness and productivity, whilst ensuring a sustainable future.

The establishment of the CoE follows a Memorandum of Agreement signed in January 2009 for R&D collaboration on Internet Protocol version 6 Low Powered Personal Area Networks (6LoWPAN), IP Multimedia Sub System (IMS), WIMAX, and 4G, Ultra Wide Band (UWB), Antenna Technology, Radio and Microwave.

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