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*Collaboration allows for an understanding of measurement technologies*

MIMOS Bhd and world leader in measurement technology Agilent Technologies have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the area of Test and Measurement through the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Measurement Technologies in Asia (Cemta).

To be located at Mimos headquarters' in Technology Park Malaysia in Selangor, Cemta will showcase Agilent's new test and measurement technologies and solutions by providing a platform for industries in the country to understand the key new technologies and applications in the sector.

As such, an effective environment for the development of cutting edge R&D within the local electronics industry can be jointly developed.

"This is a win-win proposition for both Mimos and Agilent, in line with Mimos' efforts in encouraging the dynamic sharing of knowledge, resources and technology by fostering effective alliances with like-minded



(From left) Mimos Software Development and Central Engineering vice president Thillai Raj T Ramanathan, Abdul Wahab and Gooi at the signing of the MoU recently

industry players," said Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah, President and CEO of Mimos.

"It's in line with our belief that a collaborative environment intensifies the development of new knowledge and technologies. In R&D, it is important that there is dynamic exchange of ideas among partners to be able to effectively respond to the challenges in the industry," he said in a statement released in Kuala Lumpur last Friday.

Gooi Soon Chai, President

for Agilent Malaysia said, "For real R&D to take root, it is time that local companies seriously begin the process of acquiring the necessary competencies to become world class technology partners to customers like Agilent,"

"From this perspective, Agilent will be launching a strategic initiative to create an R&D Ecosystem. We will form strategic partnerships with the government, universities and local design partners with the objective of taking the local R&D community to the next level," he said.

The MoU is the first important step for Agilent and Mimos to work in together towards achieving this objective, he added.

Agilent Technologies, formerly a part of Hewlett-Packard, began operations in Malaysia in 1972. Today, it occupies a 17.7ha manufacturing site in Bayan Lepas with a workforce of more than 3,000. The major products manufactured at this plant are electronic test and measurement instruments, microwave components, modules and test accessories.