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# Mimos, IBM to build CMMI toolkit

MIMOS Bhd and IBM Malaysia have agreed to collaborate on a toolkit to help local organisations build world-class process maturity according to SEI Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) guidelines.

Under a memorandum of understanding signed on March 20, the two companies will develop the toolkit with a step-by-step approach for achieving CMMI Level 5 foundation.

They will be using IBM tools with an evaluation licence integrated with the

Rational Unified Process (RUP) framework together with open-source applications from IBM.

Mimos and IBM will also operate a joint portal on process framework based on CMMI and RUP, to be hosted on the National Grid.

The portal will be extended later on to benefit organisations in the region and eventually those worldwide.

In addition, IBM and Mimos said they would organise workshops at local partner universities, to create awareness of processes

and tools syllabus among students, and to encourage the use of IBM tools and CMMI based processes in software development projects.

IBM and Mimos would also set up a joint Software Assessment and Development Centre (SADC), to be located at Mimos' premises at Technology Park Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

The SADC will provide software assessment services to local organisations, and a laboratory for practitioner-level certifications.