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MoU signed to formalize research partnership



Professor Thomas Magedanz, Head of Next Generation, Network Infrastructure Group (left) exchanging documents with Abdul Aziz Abdul Asidi. Senior Vice President, Technology Realisation & Operations, MIMOS Berhad (middle) during the signing ceremony between MIMOS Berhad and Berlin-based Fraunhofer Institute for Opera Communication Systems (FOKUS). The exchange was witnessed by Dr. Mazlan Abbas, Head of Wireless Communications Cluster, MIMOS Berhad (right).

Berlin-based Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (FOKUS) and MIMOS recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a research and development collaboration in IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) with an ultimate aim to deliver new application components for local and international markets.

"So with IMS, users can start VoIP at home connecting to Wi-Fi, then switch seamlessly to WiMAX while driving to the office, and later switch to the desktop and upgrade it into a video call on an LCD screen," said Dr. Mazlan Abbas, Head of Wireless Communications Cluster, MIMOS. "MIMOS' focus on IMS is in line with our initiatives aimed at bridging the digital divide as IMS enables different networks to be seamlessly interoperable regardless of the underlying technologies," added Dr. Mazlan.

It is also the objective of the collaboration where FOKUS would

serve as one of MIMOS' advisors on driving and facilitating IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) / Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) application and content development through the establishment of a CoE in MIMOS OpenFMC lab. MIMOS OpenFMC lab serves as the platform where developers, content providers, operators and service providers could collaborate, exchange ideas, develop, test, promote and exhibit innovative technologies and applications.

Under the MoU, MIMOS will work closely with FOKUS to build and enhance IMS capabilities among Malaysians and spur local IMS/SIP applications with the ultimate aim of nurturing domain experts.