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MIMOS Bhd has tied-up with Riyadh-based independent scientific organisation — the King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) — to encourage and promote cooperation in research and development (R&D) in the field of information, communications and technology (ICT) over the next five years.

The areas of R&D identified for collaboration between the two research organisations are: advanced informatics; communications technologies; cyberspace security; encryption systems; microelectro and nanoelectro mechanical systems; conventional optics; and quantum optics.

Mimos said in a statement released yesterday that the collaboration with KACST will also include technology transfer and commercialisation initiatives.

It will enable both the organisations to draw on each other's research and development strengths, share resources and exchange results of innovations, particularly in the

high technology industry, the institute said.

KACST was established in 1977 to support and promote applied scientific research and coordinate the activities of the scientific research institutions and centres in line with requirements of development plans of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

It consist of a number of research institutions namely: Computer and Electronics Research Institute, Petroleum and Petrochemical, Energy Research, Resource and Development, Astronomy and Geophysics and Space Research.

At the signing ceremony, Mimos was represented by its

President and CEO Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah, while KACST was represented by vice president of Research Institutes, Dr Turki Al Saud.

Present as witness was Mimos senior vice president, technology realisation & operations, Abdul Aziz Abdul Kadir and KACST's Mohammed Al-Hussaini.

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Abdul Wahab (left) exchanging the documents with Dr Turki Al Saud after the signing ceremony yesterday