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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY
BETWEEN UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG AND HEWLETT-PACKARD
(MALAYSIA) SDN BHD. AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION LEADER SDN. BHD.

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2011; 10:00 AM;
BANQUET HALL, CHANCELLERY BUILDING, UMP GAMBANG CAMPUS

SALUTATION

Miss Yeow Cheng Lian,
Director of HP Software Education;

Mr. Tan Soon Leong,
Asean Country Manager of HP Software Education;

Yang Berbahagia Datin Zaharah Dato’ Jelani,
Chief Executive Officer of Technology Education Leader Sdn Bhd;

My colleagues from UMP:

Professor Dr. Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International);
Yang HORMAT Professor Dato’ Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation);

Assistant Vice-Chancellors and Senior University Officials;

Associate Professor Dr. Jasni Mohamed Zain,
Dean of the Faculty of Computer Systems and Software Engineering;

Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments;

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and Salam 1Malaysia.
1. First and foremost, it is with great pleasure that I bid you a very warm greeting, especially to our distinguished guests from Hewlett-Packard (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Technology Education Leader Sdn. Bhd.

2. The ceremony that we are witnessing this morning marks another important milestone in UMP’s journey to position itself as a technological university of high caliber and repute through strategic collaboration and smart partnership with top industrial player at the national and international levels.

3. **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Nearing the tenth year of its existence, Universiti Malaysia Pahang strives to enhance her capacity to produce highly-competent graduates who are able to meet the demands of the job market. In this regard, UMP applies the teaching factory approach whereby students are taught in industrial setting on campus, with special emphasis on the practical side of the core knowledge.
4. Software testing is an emerging area in the fields of information technology and technology solutions. Global prospect of this area is so overwhelming, and with her present strength that includes supportive government policies, investment incentives and world-class facilities, Malaysia is able to become a major player in the lucrative software testing market.

5. The strategies and initiatives towards achieving this ambitious plan are being drawn by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, thus reflecting our government’s serious commitment to develop a sustainable ecosystem, for software testing and certification services.

6. In line with this development, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, through the Faculty of Computer Systems and Software Engineering has earlier embarked on a strategic collaboration with Malaysia Software Testing Board (MTSB).
7. By virtue of the memorandum of understanding between UMP and MTSB, this University has adopted the component of *Certified Tester Foundation Level* or CTFL in its Software Testing and Maintenance curriculum beginning Semester 1, 2011/2012 session.

8. Therefore, the collaboration between Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Hewlett-Packard (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and Technology Education Leader Sdn Bhd would further broaden the path that we have taken. Being a leader in the automated software testing market, HP Software Education makes an excellent partner to UMP.

8. We are also delighted that this collaboration will be facilitated by TEL, which has been nominated by HP Software Education to co-ordinate with Malaysian universities and relevant authorities in respect of approvals, agreements and permits for the purpose of introducing HP Training Programmes.
9. **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Seven areas of co-operation have been identified in this memorandum of understanding, thus requiring serious commitment and constructive efforts to turn these into workable initiatives to produce the desired results.

10. Through this collaboration, our students will have the opportunity to experience hands-on learning of the HP software testing tools that are widely used in the industry, thus enabling us to prepare them to become graduates who are competent in the area of software testing, with international recognition.

11. Therefore, in the long run, it is my sincere hope that new areas of cooperation could be identified and developed in future to sustain our strategic partnership by synergizing our pools of talents and consolidating our resources.
12. Ladies and gentlemen,

I am confident that the right approach in translating the areas of co-operation in this Memorandum of Understanding into concrete actions would also contribute to the successful implementation of UMP Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

13. Honouring the efforts made for this occasion, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Systems and Software Engineering and her team for their commitment.

14. I also take this opportunity to express my heartiest appreciation to our new collaborative partners, HP Software Education and Teaching Education Leader Sdn. Bhd. for their willingness to co-operate with Universiti Malaysia Pahang.

Wabillahitaufiq walhidayah, assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.