

# Forming strategic ties



Dr Chua Ping Yong (left), head of the School of Technology, exchanging the MoU with Teoh Tuan Ka, director of IME Trading Sdn Bhd. Looking on are Dr Tan Chik Heok (second from left), college principal, and Low Khai Shin, representative from IME Trading Sdn Bhd.

**T**UNKU Abdul Rahman College (TAR College) is a leading institution of higher learning in Malaysia with 40 years of excellence in providing quality academic and professional education.

TAR College's School of Technology, which was established in 1972, has produced numerous professionals for the engineering and construction industries. Disciplines offered by the school include Building, Electronic Engineering, Materials & Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, Mechatronics, Quantity Surveying, Telecommunications, Property Management, Architecture and Apparel Manufacturing.

TAR College offers a choice of pathways to obtain an overseas degree and professional qualifications. TAR College diploma graduates can choose to pursue the advanced diploma at the college or further their studies at other universities.

Since 1990, TAR College Advanced Diploma in Technology (Building) programme has been fully accredited by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Britain. This accreditation means that the graduates of the programme are fully exempted from the CIOB Education Framework Levels 1 to 3. Besides that, the Diploma in Technology (Quantity Surveying) programme is fully accredited by the Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (ISM).

TAR College engineering diploma graduates are exempted from relevant papers in the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) / Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) Examination. Its advanced diploma students have also been accepted for various master's degree

programmes in Britain.

The college constantly establishes academia-industry links to enhance its programme offerings and pioneer new learning approaches for the ever-changing market needs.

Among such initiatives is the MoU that was signed last November between TAR College and IME Trading Sdn Bhd (IME) to formalise a cooperative partnership in the areas of education, engineering and project management in conjunction with the setting up of the college's new research centre called Advanced Engineering Research Centre (AERC).

AERC is to facilitate research in engineering, computer-aided design and related manufacturing systems and to intensify efforts towards applied research.

TAR College principal Dr Tan Chik Heok said in his message at the launch, "We are taking the first bold step on a new journey towards research partnership with the industry and in this way, TAR College will stay relevant as a provider of skilled and competent graduates as well as a partner in resolving problems faced by the industry."

TAR College students benefit from such collaboration in terms of working in an industrial environment, ranging from industrial practice required for professional engineer registration to research towards the awards of higher postgraduate qualifications at master's degree and doctorate degree levels.

- For more information you can visit its open day at all its campuses from March 12-28 from 9.30am to 5pm, or TAR College's booths at major education fairs held in the country.

You can also call 03-4145 0100/23 or visit the college's website at [www.tarc.edu.my](http://www.tarc.edu.my).