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Varsity, bankers strengthen relations


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Mieczakowski (left) exchanging documents with Tay after the signing ceremony.

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MIRI: Curtin University, Sarawak Malaysia (Curtin Sarawak) and the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen, promote and develop collaboration in a number of education-related areas.

The MoU paves the way for significant collaboration in the sharing of leading practices and knowledge in banking trends and developments; experiences in

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relevant research and the teaching of banking and finance courses; and expertise through collaboration in thought leadership activities such as forums and seminars.

Such sharing of knowledge and expertise will enable academics at the university and banking professionals to learn from one another and collectively contribute to the further development of the banking industry. It will also provide both students and academics vital industry exposure and the opportunity to interact with and learn from industry professionals.

The MoU also facilitates the awarding of AICB awards for best accounting and banking and finance graduates at Curtin Sarawak's annual awards event.

Signing the MoU on behalf of Curtin Sarawak were Pro Vice-Chancellor and chief executive Prof Jim Mienczakowski and dean of faculty of business and humanities Prof Jonathan Winterton. Chief executive officer Tay Kay Luan and head of marketing and communications Kristine Anne Williams signed for AICB.

According to Mienczakowski in his speech at the signing, this would ensure that the qualifying graduates were well rewarded for their academic excellence, leadership, personal character and the promise of even greater accomplishments in the future.

He also remarked that, as the largest international campus of Curtin University

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strived to provide quality education and richly interactive and personalised learning experiences for its students, equipping them with the leadership skills for the future and valuing them as partners in education and research.

Tay, in his speech, said as AICB placed significant importance on knowledge transfer and with an appetite to understand rapid and complex changes in the industry, he was certain that leveraging on both parties' strengths and capabilities would allow them to attract more quality talent and elevate bankers' professionalism in this industry.

"I also believe that such collaborations will enhance our competitiveness in the global market," he added.

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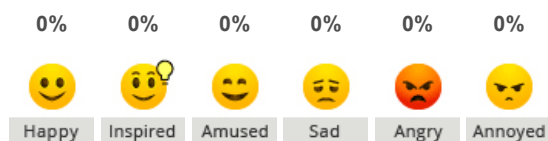
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