

# Pact on internships inked



Prof Wang and Ter (right) exchange documents after the signing ceremony.

SUNSURIA Berhad and Xiamen University Malaysia (XMUM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on internships and industrial training, which includes practical training, social service programmes and career service activities.

This is in line with Sunsuria's vision of building a sustainable business, which not only focuses on the continuous learning and development of its staff, but also about recruiting the right home-grown talents and enhancing the company's brand as an employer of choice.

Located at the heart of Sunsuria's flagship township Sunsuria City, XMUM has grown to approximately 4,000 students since taking in its first batch of students in February 2016.

"Ever since our first discussions in 2012 on establishing the first foreign campus of a university from China, we have already formed an extremely close working relationship with Xiamen University.

"This MoU further deepens Sunsuria's historic ties to XMUM, which will continue to grow from strength to strength," said Sunsuria Berhad executive chairman Tan Sri Ter Leong Yap.

He said the students would be provided with valuable work experience that prepared them for their future careers through internships and career service programmes.

“We are also able to get early access to top talent, who have every potential to be nurtured into the leaders of tomorrow.

“As a socially responsible corporation, this is an excellent way to give back to society and to build a great company,” said Ter.

XMUM president Prof Wang Ruifang said internships are of great importance for nurturing high-quality future talents.

“For our students, internships can help them discover what it is really like to work in the industry, gain first-hand experience and make informed decisions about their future career paths.

“For XMUM faculty members, through the cooperation with our internship partners, they can tailor our academic programmes to the changing industry demands and give special emphasis on skills and knowledge highly valued by potential employers,” he said.

Prof Wang said the MoU further strengthened the university’s friendship with Sunsuria.

“The cooperation is of mutual benefit to XMUM and Sunsuria. In particular, our students will definitely benefit a lot from the internship and career development opportunities offered by Sunsuria,” he added. The MoU signing took place at Sunsuria City’s Celebration Centre, which is directly adjacent to XMUM. The first intake of XMUM interns into Sunsuria is expected to start from January 2019 onwards.