A pledge to work together

Wawasan and TAR University College link up to share academic resources

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The Wawasan Open University (WOU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) University College to promote academic collaboration between the two institutions.

It was inked by WOU vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ho Sinn Chye and TAR University College president cum chief executive officer Datuk Dr Tan Chik Heok.

The MoU pave the way for mutual visits by faculty members to share teaching experiences, conduct research, undertake joint supervision of postgraduate students and other academic activities.

On hand to witness the official signing were WOU deputy vice-chancellor (Academic) Prof Tham Choy Yoong and TAR University College registrar Phoong Huey Ling.

Dr Ho said both institutions were committed to the promotion of lifelong learning.

“Our signing of the MoU in a way reaffirms that commitment. "We shall work closely together to achieve the stated objectives of our collaboration," he said during a simple ceremony at the TAR University College main campus recently.

Dr Ho also gave a brief account of WOU’s academic programmes, open and distance learning delivery (ODL) and online learning support system during a presentation to the faculty members of TAR University College.

"The ODL is considered a blessing by those who want to further their studies while still holding on to their jobs, or who might not be able to attend a full-time course for various reasons.

"Hence, the staff members and alumni of TAR University College who wish to pursue higher degrees or MBA programmes on a part-time basis are welcome to do so with WOU.

"Where applicable, WOU is able to offer course credit exemptions for their Diploma and Advanced Diploma holders," he said.

WOU currently offers more than 40 industry-relevant programmes for the award of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in such fields as accounting, electronics, management, psychology and education.

More than 12,000 working professionals have seized the learning opportunities available at WOU since its establishment in 2006.

In a separate development, WOU also organised a fire drill at its campus in conjunction with its Safety and Health Campaign 2013.

The objective of the Fire Drill was to familiarise members of WOU's Emergency Response Team (ERT) and First Aid Team (FAT) with the necessary procedures, and the staff members with the safety protocol in emergencies.
Done deal:
(From second left) Dr Ho and Dr Tan signing the Memorandum of Understanding to promote academic collaboration between the two institutions.