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KOTA KINABALU: Wawasan Open University (WOU) set up its first regional learning centre in Sabah to provide greater opportunities for higher education to the people in East Malaysia in collaboration with Almacrest International College (AIC).

This smart partnership was forged between the two parties through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which enables students of AIC and adult learners in Sabah to pursue tertiary education via open distance learning (ODL) with WOU at Almacrest.

Speaking at the signing ceremony yesterday, WOU chief executive and vice chancellor Professor Dr Lily

Chan welcomed the partnership as it would further strengthen WOU's effort in reaching out to the communities in Sabah by offering relevant tertiary qualifications for career advancement.

"This supports the university's objective of breaking barriers to build stronger relationships with the people of East Malaysia and globalising its programmes," she said.

"This strong partnership with Almacrest would inspire many more Sabahans to invest in education for a better future. I hope that this collaboration would motivate employers and companies in Sabah to upskill and reskill their workforce for greater productivity,"

said Chan.

She added that the university's strategic move to offer micro-credentials would enable students and professionals to take up particular courses to develop specific skills in different fields.

"Micro-credentials provide competency-based recognition for the skills that students or professionals learn, regardless of where and how they learned them. Learners can acquire broad employability skills and become technologically-minded workers who are flexible, organised and resourceful," she elaborated.

Meanwhile, AIC chief executive officer (CEO) Stephanie Yen Chung Wai, in highlighting the

benefits for Sabahans to pursue higher education with WOU, said the collaboration goes in tandem with AIC's vision of becoming an education hub in Sabah, providing innovative courses to potential students.

"We are grateful for this opportunity to work with WOU in providing flexible learning modes for degrees and master's qualifications. With this collaboration, we can make higher learning more accessible to students as well as working adults," she added.

The MoU signing was witnessed by WOU Kuching regional centre director Jimmy Chai and AIC deputy CEO Dudi Pan Yen Far.



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