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Prime Minister To Witness MoA Signing Between UKM And Stevens

KUALA LUMPUR, April 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will witness the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Stevens Institute of Technology (Stevens), Honoken New Jersey, in Washington Thursday.

A UKM statement here says the MoA would pave the way for greater cooperation and collaborative innovation between the two institutions, and by extension, Malaysia and the United States.

UKM Vice-Chancellor Prof Tan Sri Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin will represent the university while Dr Harold J.Raveche will sign on behalf of Stevens.

The statement says the tie-up was inspired by US President Barack Obama's speech in Cairo on June 4 last year that he wanted to work with Muslim majority-countries such as Malaysia and also by Najib's new innovation-based economic model.

As such, both institutions had decided to advance their partnership to pioneer collaborative innovation for R&D and human capital development for the growth of business and industry.

Previously, UKM and Stevens had collaborated in joint educational and research projects, the statement adds.

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