



UTHM Signs MoA To Become 1st IPTA To Produce Aircraft Maintenance Engineer With Degree

LANGKAWI, March 29 (Bernama) -- Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) today signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Dilog Training and Services Sdn Bhd (DTS) to become the first public institution of higher learning (IPTA) in the country to produce aircraft maintenance engineer with a degree come 2016.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Hashim Saim said through the agreement, students enrolled under the Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering Technology (Aircraft Maintenance) at its campus in Parit Raja in Batu Pahat, Johor, will pursue the aircraft maintenance licence course administered by DTS, a private aircraft training institution approved by the Department of Civil Aviation, Malaysia (DCAM).

"Through the MoA, graduates being churned out will not only possess a degree, but are qualified to own the DCAM Part 66, B1.1-Turbine Engine, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer licence issued by the DCAM," he said to reporters after signing the agreement here today.

DTS was represented its Managing Director, Brig Gen (Rtd) Datuk Anim Harun and the signing ceremony was witnessed by Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Datuk Abdul Rahim Md Noor.

Hashim said that the graduates of the programme have the opportunity to seek employment in many more sectors in the airline industry including as a professional engineer.

He said the agreement had also enhanced the cooperation between UTHM and DTS, which started when the two parties signed a memorandum of understanding in 2008 to improve the university's curriculum and syllabus for the Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering Technology (Aircraft Maintenance) programme to make it more relevant and adhere to standards and procedures set by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA), MOHE and DCAM.