

SM signs MOU with Ireland's GMIT



TAWAU - On December 18th 2018, momentous event between the Institute of Science and Management (ISM), Tawau and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), Ireland was witnessed when a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed. ISM was represented by its CEO, Mr Lawrence Kow Cheng Tek, while GMIT was represented by its Director of International Engagement, Mr. John Joe O'Farrell. This marked a beginning of close collaborations between ISM and GMIT, including mapping progression pathways between ISM diplomas and GMIT degrees. With that, it adds to a total of 25 articulations with local and foreign institutions which provides various degree pathways for the A-Level and diploma graduates of ISM. According to Mr. Pang Kyun Fung, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of ISM, this move is seen as a strategic approach especially for the Diploma in Agribusiness Management (DAM) graduates who would like to pursue their further studies in Ireland.

GMIT offers six degree programmes in agriculture, tailored specifically for the current needs in the agricultural industry. The programmes offered are BBus (Honours) Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business, BSc (Honours) Agriculture and Environmental Management, and BEng (Honours) in Agricultural Engineering. Gaining a degree in agriculture can help to provide students with a range of career paths and opportunities in industries such as food processing, rural enterprise development, product development, environmental management, farm advisory and farm engineering. Apart from

agriculture programmes, there are also other undergraduate programmes namely BSc Medical Science, BEng Biomedical/Mechanical Engineering and BBus Accounting offered by GMIT.

GMIT is located in Galway, Ireland which is also dubbed as Ireland's capital of food and culture. It won the prestigious Sunday Times Institute of Technology of the Year award thrice in 2004, 2007 and in 2015. GMIT offers a conducive learning atmosphere with its award winning design for its library and a small student to academic staff ratio of 15:1. Apart from that, any ISM graduates who would like to pursue their studies in GMIT will have the privilege of credit exemption and fee reduction up to 20%. Thus, greatly reducing the duration and cost for completing a degree programme. Scholarships are also available for eligible graduates. This is indeed an exciting news indeed to all ISM students, particularly those who are looking for affordable means to earn a reputable degree.

For interested individuals, January Intake 2019 for ISM diploma and A-Level programmes are still open for registration. Please contact (*ISM contact number and person*) or visit our website (www.ism.edu.my) or Facebook account (www.facebook.com/ismtawau) for more information.