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MII, HWUM in Partnership to Support Academic and Professional Development of Professionals in the Insurance Industry

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 DECEMBER 2021 – The Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII) and Heriot-Watt University Malaysia (HWUM) have successfully signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to strengthen and support the academic and professional development of active MII members and the insurance industry in a virtual signing ceremony on Friday (3 December 2021).

The MoA signatories were MII Chief Executive Officer Shalini Pavithran and HWUM Provost and Chief Executive Officer Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi. Also present to witness the signing ceremony were MII Chief Academic Officer Wahida Shariff, HWUM Deputy Provost Dennis Wong and HWUM Chief Operating Officer and Registrar Janice Yew.

In addition, the attendees include both MII and HWUM representatives. At the virtual signing ceremony were MII Academic Council representative, Professor Dr Hajah Zuriah Abdul Rahman, and the MII Senior Management team; while HWUM was represented by HWUM School of Engineering & Physical Sciences (EPS) Associate Head, Professor Denny Ng; HWUM Head of Marketing and Student Recruitment, Jessica Lam; and HWUM School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences Associate Head, Dr Ian Tan.

This MoA marks another milestone for both MII and HWUM as it demonstrates their continued commitment to supporting academic development and enhancing the future capabilities and skills of professionals in the industry.

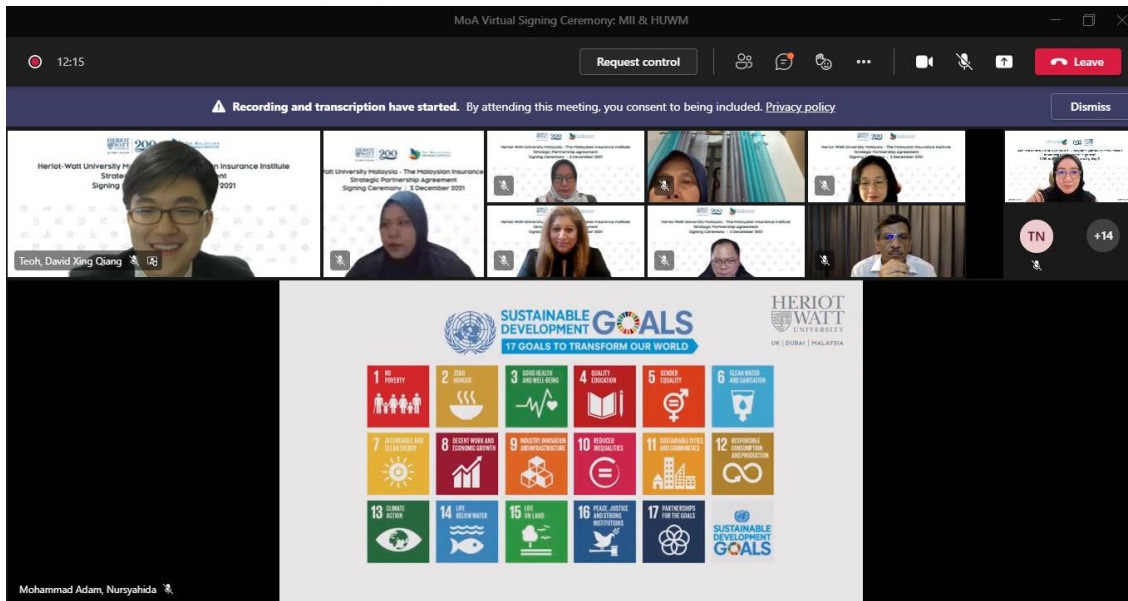
Through this partnership, MII aims to provide its members with opportunities to accelerate their professional development and provide them with an added edge of qualification for career growth. HWUM is offering a 10% exclusive bursary on published tuition fees to all active MII members including their spouses and children to pursue their Postgraduate Taught (PGT), Undergraduate, or Foundation studies with the UK University.

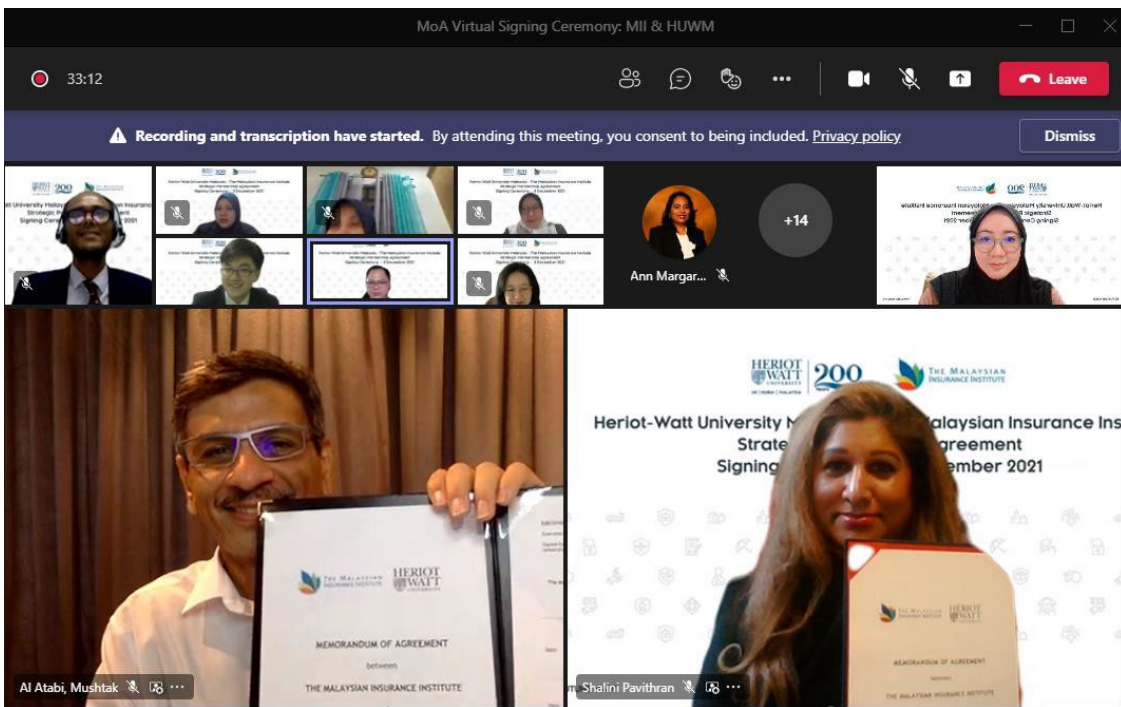
MII Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shalini Pavithran, said: “The world is changing rapidly and insurance professionals of the future need to think ahead. This means they’ll need to have the right combination of skills to meet the future’s changing needs” which is what the MII and HWUM partnership is all about. She added that “Beyond the change to an individual’s mindset and behaviour, addressing the significant volume, velocity, and variability of reskilling needed for the new world of work will require a collaborative approach across companies, governments, and the educational sector.”

On a similar note, HWUM Provost and Chief Executive Officer Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi highlighted the value of university collaborations with professional institutes such as MII to enhance academic standards and for students to receive real-life exposure to the best practices in insurance and financial services industry at large, “We have signed an MoA with MII to make education accessible to professionals by professionals who want to shape the future.

“Positive education is a strategic choice for the University. We are nurturing competent professionals into becoming purpose-driven leaders who are self-aware and who are efficient in tackling the complexities and uncertainties that we see increasing in our world,” he added.

Photos of the Virtual Signing Ceremony between MII and HWUM





From left: HWUM Provost and CEO Prof. Mushtak Al-Atabi and MII CEO Shalini Pavithran

ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN INSURANCE INSTITUTE (MII)

The Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII) founded in 1968 as a non-profit organisation, is the leading professional body and education institution for the Malaysian insurance industry. With about 30,000 members and growing comprising institutional and individual members, MII is the largest professional body for insurance professionals in the region.

MII provides internationally recognised qualifications in insurance, risk management, compliance, and financial planning. MII is highly respected as a regional centre offering an extensive range of quality education programmes and training programmes for professionals in the financial services industry. MII also supports the industry as the international examination facilitator for industry associations and several international awarding bodies.

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ABOUT HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA

Heriot-Watt is a leading technological and business university, globally minded and calibrated to the needs of society. Our communities of scholars come from across the world and are leaders in ideas and solutions; delivering innovation and educational excellence, the University is ranked in the top 10 for Research Impact in the UK. With roots in Scotland, but with a truly international reach, Heriot-Watt has campuses in Scotland, Malaysia and Dubai, offering students the opportunity of a truly global learning experience.

In line with the University's commitment to ensure that students are FutureMade, Heriot-Watt University Malaysia has been offering high-quality British education and international study opportunities since 2014, at its purpose-built, state-of-the-art lakeside campus in Putrajaya, the first "green campus" in Malaysia; catering to a global network of students, particularly those from bordering countries. Understanding the challenges that youth today face in terms of maintaining a healthy mindset, managing stress as well as developing meaningful social relationships in a landscape that has become increasingly digitised, the University champions a unique Positive Education approach.

This year, Heriot-Watt University is celebrating its bicentennial, reaffirming its historic commitment in expanding access to practical and relevant learning, research, and enterprise by looking to the future with a renewed focus on global sustainability.

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