New ties, better learning

STUDENTS at Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UniRazak) are set to benefit from the varsity’s recently established links.

The links will offer students and staff access to a global network of research, academic and educational possibilities.

The first of these agreements is a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that was signed with Macquarie University, Australia.

The MoU will see research staff and academics from Macquarie working closely with UniRazak academics to enrich learning options for the local students and staff. There will also be opportunities for exchange and study abroad programmes.

Besides Australia, UniRazak also made a French connection by entering into a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne in France.

The French institute is the largest multi-disciplinary and vocational varsity in the Paris region with 32,000 students studying 300 different degrees.

Joint research and seminars will allow academics at both institutions to pool resources and further develop educational offerings.

Another institute that established a formal relationship with the varsity is the Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFM).

The varsity will become a training provider and exam centre for IBFM programmes and varsity staff will be trained for the Islamic Financial Planner programme.

These study modules will be subsequently incorporated into existing UniRazak programmes.

UniRazak also signed a MoA with the London-based Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (Cima).

The MoA will offer students a Cima pathway by incorporating Cima modules into existing UniRazak programmes.

Besides the academic collaboration, both institutions will embark on joint development events and research projects soon.

Present at the signing ceremony were Cima South-East Asia head Ventkat Ramanan, Cima South-East Asia and Australasia regional director Irene Teng, UniRazak president and vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Md Zabid Abdul Rashid and Bank Rakyat School of Business and Entrepreneurship dean Prof Dr Garry James Clayton.

On paper: (second, third, fourth and fifth from left, respectively) Ramanan, Teng, Prof Md Zabid and Prof Clayton at the Cima MoU signing ceremony.