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UNIVERSITI Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) has signed a pact with Malaysia Productivity Corp (MPC) to strengthen its decade-long partnership to foster and grow an innovative and creative culture. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Uniten Chancellor Foundation and MPC will see the government agency being involved in more programmes for students through knowledge sharing, benchmarking, evaluation and certification processes especially in entrepreneurial and community outreach programmes.

During the signing ceremony held recently, Uniten vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kamal Nasharuddin Mustapha said among the outreach programmes planned are the Inspirational Success talks for Forms Four and Five students around Selangor.

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"Secondary school students need motivational and supportive role models to look up to," he said, adding that a university's role expands beyond just training its students.

"Our work should also encompass educating school-goers on the importance of a tertiary education and being ambitious," he added.

"I'm happy and thankful MPC wants to work with us to help bring our programmes to the community," he added.

For their Youth Entrepreneurship programmes, Prof Kamal said this aims to build an entrepreneurial mindset for Uniten students and youth in the community. He added that MPC will help them create "Business Excellence Practitioners" and "Business Excellence Assessors" based on standards and



Prof Kamal (second from right) exchanging documents with Mohd Razali (second from left) at the signing ceremony. Looking on are MPC corporate and planning development manager Shezlina Zakaria (left) and Uniten Chancellor Mohamad Ishak Mohamad Ibrahim (right).

criteria set by MPC.

There will be other activities held between MPC and Uniten, he said.

MPC director-general Datuk Mohd Razali Hussain said manage-

ment skills, leadership impact, interpersonal effectiveness, and critical traits are essential for emerging millennial leaders.

"We cannot work in silos and to increase productivity, we need to

work together.

"I hope that this new MoU signing today will strengthen the relationship further between MPC and Uniten and yield a win-win situation for both parties."