

MOU BETWEEN LASBELA UNIVERSITY, PAKISTAN AND UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA FOR DEVELOPING COLLABORATION IN FIELD OF WATER RESOURCE RESEARCH

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS) Uthal, Pakistan to have R&D collaboration between two institutions in the field of Water Resources Research.

The signing ceremony was held on 7th July 2012 at main campus of LUAWMS, Uthal, Pakistan. Dr. Noorul Hassan Zardari, senior lecturer at IPASA, represented the UTM, while the LUAWMS was represented by its Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof. Dr. Abdul Hameed Bajoi. The signing ceremony was witnessed by senior members of the LUAWMS.





Dr. Noorul Hassan Zardari was warmly welcomed by the LUAWMS Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Hameed Bajoi. Dr. Zardari briefed major points of the MOU to the members of LUAWMS. In the MOU, both universities have principally agreed to conduct joint research in hydrology and water resources management. Also, the both universities will share hydrology and water resource data gathered by researchers in arid and humid climatic conditions. The MOU is a non-exclusive arrangement and will address the scope of co-operation, relationship and responsibilities of both universities. The both universities have agreed to establish **“UTM-LUAWMS Water Resources Research Center”** in the Faculty of Water Resources Management, LUAWMS. Joint postgraduate student's supervision will also be done; this will provide opportunities to share the academic and scholars' research activities, exchange of students and staff for short term visit/trainings and workshops.

The UTM experts on Water Resources & Hydrology will provide expert opinions on undergraduate and postgraduate curriculums of the Faculty of Water Resources Management, LUAWMS. In line with the commitment made in the MOU, a Board of Studies meeting was called by the Dean of Faculty of Water Resource Management (WRM) on the same day of the signing of the MOU. A Curriculum scheme for award of BS (WRM) degree in the Faculty of WRM was discussed and revised in the meeting. Dr. Noorul Hassan provided his best expertise for developing undergraduate curriculum for BS (WRM) degree.