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KUCHING: Universiti Malaya, represented by its Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FCSIT), has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad (UOBAM (Malaysia)) to collaborate on preparing computer science undergraduates for a successful career in data analytics.

Under the two-year collaboration, UOBAM (Malaysia) will offer the top 20 students from Universiti Malaya's FSCIT an opportunity to participate in a year-long internship and to undergo a customised training programme as part of completing their Bachelor of Computer Science (Data Science) degree.

The internship programme with UOBAM (Malaysia) will provide these students the opportunity to learn in groups, to acquire interpersonal skills and to gain on-the-job learning experience after having going through an initial two and a half years' theory with the tertiary institution.

According to Universiti Malaya Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim, the nation's premier university is always

Combination photo of (from left) Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim and Lim Suet Ling

looking for strategic partnerships with leading industry players such as UOBAM (Malaysia).

"We are pleased to collaborate with UOBAM (Malaysia) as a strategic partner in providing data analytics expertise and a tailored learning experience for our students. The partnership will create an industry-relevant internship and training programme and will prepare our students for a successful career in data technology. With increasing demand for skilled data analysts in Malaysia, Universiti Malaya recognises the need to prepare graduates who are adept at

computing and analytics for the future.

"They will be geared towards solving business challenges where they will have the opportunity to embrace life-long learning and upskilling or reskilling that is important as they enter the workforce."

Under the MoU, in addition to offering an internship and training programme, UOBAM (Malaysia) will also jointly organise data science competitions such as hackathons or FinTech labs with Universiti Malaya for more than 1,200 FSCIT students.