



**SIGNED AND SEALED:** Khalid (second left) and YPPB CEO Raja Azura Raja Mahayuddin exchange the signed documents while other UCSI and YPPB representatives look on.

## UCSI inks deal with YPPB to help Bumiputera students

**KUCHING:** UCSI University (UCSI) recently signed an agreement with Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera (YPPB), an agency under the Prime Minister's Office, to provide more educational opportunities to Bumiputera students to further their studies in various fields.

The university has agreed to sponsor half of the tuition fees of selected students for 12 programmes listed in the agreement.

Notably, the first agreement was inked in early January and six YPPB students were successfully placed at UCSI, this number grew to 35 students in September this year.

Officiating at the signing ceremony with YPPB chief executive officer Raja Azura Raja Mahayuddin were UCSI vice-chancellor and president Prof Dato' Dr Khalid Yusoff.

Khalid also pointed out that there is a need to elevate the country's performance to ensure it becomes a developed nation by 2020.

"The best answer to this is education. By obtaining technical knowledge and soft skills through quality education, students will be able to go further," he said.

Raja Azura is of a similar view, saying that students would need to identify their goals, not only to excel in their studies but to be on par with other exceptional students around the world.

With this agreement, both parties will work closely to ensure that deserving students are provided financial assistance to get the best education and career opportunities.

This partnership is anticipated to be one of the many collaborative efforts between the two parties in the future.