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THE International Medical
University (IMU) has signed a
Memorandum of Understanding
(MoU) with The National University
of Ireland Galway (NUI Galway).

This means the IMU's
Foundation in Science (FiS) will
now be recognised at NUI Galway.
This allows FiS students who have
successfully completed their programme in IMU to be admitted as
students in NUI Galway for the
completion of their undergraduate
programme leading to relevant
degree or qualification by the Irish
institution.

This Academic Cooperation Agreement is IMU's first formal link with an international university to accept IMU students directly into their undergraduate programmes.

Aside from the academic cooperation, the MoU will broaden the

scope of the academic relationship between IMU and NUI Galway in addition to developing potential research and development links. Ranked among the top one percent of universities in the world, NUI Galway has been an IMU partner in the Medical programme since 1992.

The MoU was signed by IMU deputy vice-chancellor, Academics Prof Peter Pook and NUI Galway International Affairs Office director Anna Cunningham. It was witnessed by Ireland's Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton, Irish Ambassador to Malaysia Eamon Hickey, pro vice-chancellor, Strategic Development and International Prof Toh Chooi Gait and IMU Centre of Pre-University Studies head Dr James Edward Walsh.

Also present were NUI Galway College of Science vice-dean International Dr Andrew Flaus and

Enterprise Ireland regional director Giles O'Neill.

"The signing of this MoU with NUI Galway will greatly enhance the academic pathways available to IMU Foundation in Science students and provide us with the first official partner recognition of the programme for direct entry to international undergraduate courses," says Dr Walsh.

Cunningham says NUI Galway is delighted to deepen its long-standing partnership with IMU.

"For over 25 years, we have enrolled high-calibre students from IMU onto our Medical programme and this MoU provides us with scope to expand our offering to IMU's Science students," she says.



(Seated, left and right) Prof Pook and Cunningham sign the MoU while (from left, standing) Prof Toh, Hickey, Bruton, O'Neill and Dr Flaus.

The agreement now expands the range of healthcare and other courses available to IMU's FiS students, particularly in academic

areas that are currently not in IMU. Students under this special agreement will also benefit in terms of work experience upon graduation.