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KUALA LUMPUR: Higher education institutions have been urged to expand cooperation and establish strategic collaborations with foreign technical universities to strengthen the country's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes.

In a statement yesterday, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad said to expand international strategic network, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi (TUIASI).

She said the MoU will focus on efforts to address environmental sustainability issues such as waste generation, environmental pollution and climate change through the use of recycled materials, Bernama reported.

"The global economic downturn, industrial restructuring and workforce transformation have forced institutions to seek opportunities for continuous professional development to remain competitive and relevant," she said.

On Saturday, Noraini witnessed the signing ceremony of the MoU between UniMAP, represented by its vice-chancellor Prof Dr Zaliman Sauli and TUIASI, represented by its rector, Prof Dan Cascaval in Iasi, Romania.