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Uttara University signs MoUs with 22 international universities.



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Uttara University has signed 22 memoranda of understanding with universities across Asia and Africa, marking a major step in its internationalisation efforts.

The agreements were signed during the Fifth Annual Global Sustainable Development Congress 2026, organised by Times Higher Education and held from 22 to 25 June at the Indonesia Convention Center in Jakarta.

The global congress brought together university leaders, policymakers, researchers and industry experts from around the world to explore how higher education can accelerate sustainable development and strengthen international collaboration.

Abid Aziz, Member of the Board of Trustees of Utara University, and Sheikh Yasha Shan, Director of the Office of the Institutional Ranking Cell, represented the university at the four-day event.

Through high-level meetings, strategic networking sessions and academic engagements, the university established partnerships with 22 internationally recognised institutions across Indonesia, the Philippines and South Africa.

Utara University signed agreements with 15 institutions in Indonesia, including Universitas Brawijaya, Universitas Muhammadiyah Jakarta, Universitas Muhammadiyah Ahmad Dahlan, Universitas Muhammadiyah Palembang, Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar, Universitas Islam Ahmad Dahlan, Universitas Muhammadiyah Surabaya, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia Muhammadiyah (UNIMUDA) Sorong, Universitas Negeri Padang, Universitas Muhammadiyah Ponorogo, Universitas Muhammadiyah Magelang, Universitas Muhammadiyah Buton, Universitas Muhammadiyah Riau, Universitas Muhammadiyah Tangerang, Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember and Universitas Muhammadiyah Palangkaraya.

In the Philippines, the university established partnerships with institutions including the University of the Visayas, the University of Eastern Philippine, Cavite State University, Southern Leyte State University and Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College.

Utara University also expanded its collaboration to South Africa through a partnership with the Durban University of Technology, a university known for its focus on innovation and entrepreneurship.

The new agreements are expected to create opportunities for student and faculty exchange programmes, joint research projects, co-authored publications, curriculum development, visiting scholar initiatives, dual-

degree pathways, and the co-organisation of international conferences, seminars and academic workshops.

The partner institutions span Indonesia, the Philippines and South Africa, underscoring Uttara University's efforts to build a globally connected academic community focused on innovation, knowledge exchange and cross-cultural learning.

"This achievement reflects Uttara University's growing commitment to global engagement and academic excellence," university representatives said.

"In today's interconnected world, international collaboration is no longer an option, it is a necessity. These partnerships will create meaningful opportunities for our students, faculty and researchers while strengthening our contribution to global knowledge and sustainable development," they added.

The partnerships reinforce Uttara University's vision of becoming a globally connected institution that supports students through quality education, research and international collaboration.

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