

First-Of-Its-Kind Solar Farms To Be Developed In Malaysia

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Universiti Teknologi Malaysia will spearhead a groundbreaking research and development of solar and photo voltaic technology with the help of industry partner VSolar Group Berhad.

VSolar Group Berhad has just signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia to conduct Research and Development (R&D) and commercialisation programmes at the university.

Datuk Manan Bin Md. Said, Executive Chairman and Mr. Leung Kok Keong, Executive Director of VSolar Group Berhad, and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation of UTM were present at the MoU signing on 8 June.

"This partnership is unique in that VSolar, a private sector commercial entity will actively collaborate with a local, illustrious, institution of higher learning and enable it to generate revenues as well as provide a platform for its R&D efforts," Leung Kok Keung said.

Leung added that that Malaysia is perfect for the development and advancement of solar farms, and in line with the vision to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources.

"We believe that the country is perfect for the development and advancement of solar farms.

"In line with our leaders' vision to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources, VSolar Group Berhad will, through this Private-Public Partnership with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia look at the potential of new commercialization projects and first-of-its-kind solar farms on site that will enable VSolar to increase its energy generation capacity and improve its revenue stream," he added.

VSolar Group Berhad will be looking into conducting extensive research and development of solar and photo voltaic technologies with the primary intention of commercialising these technologies for the future.

It also has the intention to expand in the future by tapping into the potential of these technologies to create a Renewable Energy Initiative and reaching out to the relevant bodies and authorities.