Unimas buys integrated management systems

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) is proceeding to the next step of the implementation of its Corporate Information Architecture (CIA) Plan with the implementation of an integrated financial and account management system and human resource management system.

For that purpose, the university has selected the PeopleSoft Financial System and PeopleSoft HRMS (human resource management system) packages which were purchased from Idrisko Technology Sdn Bhd, a business partner for KE Systems Sdn Bhd, the appointed local distributor and implementor for PeopleSoft's range of products.

The deal was officially sealed between Unimas and Idrisko in Kuching, Sarawak, last Friday.

Signing the agreement on behalf of Unimas was its vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Zawawi Ismail while Idrisko was represented by its managing director Nai Mohamad.

Witnessing the event were Unimas's senior management information systems (MIS) manager Zakaria Awang and KE Systems' senior manager Fuah Foo Chuan.

Launched last year, Unimas' CIS Plan is a blueprint and technical framework for providing information technology (IT) support and services to any level of operations at the university.

According to Zakaria, the CIA Plan strategically provides a roadmap, and a set of priorities for systems development and implementation to ensure that the management and the administration of university functions are supported by integrated information systems and support services.

"The development of IS applications is targeted toward the realising of paperless administrative within the university," he said.

Being a system implementor and consultant to the project, KE Systems will be working closely with Idrisko in providing implementation and software consultancy.

The two companies will also provide the full services for the installation through their Multivendor Customer Services Division.

According to Fuah, PeopleSoft Financials and PeopleSoft HRMS are specially designed to be flexible and takes into account the dynamic nature of Unimas' needs to cope with its present and future financial and human resource requirements.

He said at the same time, the packages enable Unimas to lay a very solid foundation infrastructure for its expansion into the world of IT.

"Unimas has made a good choice in selecting the packages as these software would enable them to retrieve and process information more efficiently and effectively. The implementation of the project will be done in three phases," said Fuah.