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Mimos, Sunway in smart education venture

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MIMOS Bhd and Sunway College have signed a memorandum of understanding on an enterprising collaboration, particularly in the area of smart education, in Petaling Jaya yesterday.

The 12-month agreement covering six different projects will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, Mimos will incorporate the ComIL authorware into Sunway’s multimedia courses. Both parties will also develop certification and training courses for IT and multimedia programmes.

The second phase, to be implemented by December, includes the development of an online distance learning programme using iVest, the secure Internet infrastructure used by more than a dozen organisations locally. The infrastructure will also provide Sunway’s local area network (LAN) instant access to the Internet via the iVest Fast-mail.

Mimos chief operating officer and senior vice-president Dr Mohd Awang Lah said that although Mimos had established a strong collaboration with many other public institutions of higher learning, Sunway was the first to utilise ComIL as an educational tool.

The local multimedia presentation software – created by Mimos 11 years ago and sensitised to local needs – had penetrated 88 secondary schools and 151 primary schools nationwide, Awang said.

“The collaboration gives us an opportunity to try out new things. We want to see IT used for learning in a more pervasive manner,” he said, adding that the effect would be beneficial not only to the college and its students, but the country as well.