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Pulau Pinang, 25 November 2025 – Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Penang Branch has further expanded its international academic network through a strategic engagement in Japan, involving **Hosei University (HU)** and the **Fukuoka Institute of Technology (FIT) on 25 September – 1 October 2025**. Two representatives, **Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Nor Azlan Othman** and **Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Nor Salwa Damanhuri**, were invited as subject-matter experts in robotics and engineering education. The visit was fully sponsored by both Japanese institutions, underscoring UiTM Penang's growing reputation in engineering innovation and cross-border academic collaboration.

During the engagement, the UiTM delegation delivered a presentation on the **three-year achievements of the Global Project-Based Learning (gPBL) programme**, which UiTM Penang has consistently hosted. The session highlighted how the programme has successfully brought together students and academics from Malaysia, Japan, and Indonesia to develop robotics solutions and address

real-world engineering challenges. The presentation also showcased UiTM Penang's strong organisational support, impactful industry collaborations—particularly with **National Instruments (now part of Emerson)**—and the programme's positive academic outcomes.

In Japan, both UiTM experts contributed to a series of technical sessions focusing on **LabVIEW-based robotics systems**, **autonomous design principles**, and **industry-relevant engineering practices**. These sessions provided valuable insight to HU and FIT faculty and students, reinforcing UiTM Penang's leadership in STEM-driven education.

The visit also included working meetings with academic leaders from HU and FIT to discuss broader cooperation opportunities such as **student mobility**, **staff exchange**, **joint research projects**, and future co-hosting of gPBL initiatives. Both institutions expressed strong interest in strengthening and expanding long-term partnerships with UiTM Penang.

This engagement reflects UiTM Penang's commitment to global visibility, academic excellence, and meaningful international collaboration that supports innovation and enhances the quality of engineering education.

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