

MOU between UOP and QUT Renewed

The MOU between University of Peradeniya and Queensland University of Technology (QUT) was first signed in 2014. Delegates from Queensland University of Technology (QUT) visited University of Peradeniya on 13th February 2019. The purpose behind the visit of Helen Klaebe, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Helen Edwards, Prof. Louise Hafner, Prof. Stephen Kajewski, Associate Prof. Saiful Karim, Dr. Stephen Cox and Prof. Deryn Vahl Meyer was to renew the Joint PhD Agreement between the two institutions for the years 2019 to 2024 with the aim of providing this valuable opportunity to more students.

A special meeting was held at the office of the Vice-Chancellor to sign the new agreement. Under this agreement, the collaborating institutes have agreed to jointly develop a system of academic exchanges that will allow for a joint Ph.D. programme.

- To perform coordinated research studies at both universities with a minimum total duration of one year full time studies spent at each university
- To be jointly guided by supervisors from both universities with the aim of obtaining the joint Ph.D. by satisfying the requirements and quality standards for the degree of each university
- To submit one single thesis based on the result of the research undertaken in both universities for examination to each university.

Under this collaborative program, three students already enrolled for Ph.D. degree programs at the PGIA have been selected by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to follow joint degree programs at the QUT. These students are Ms. A.M.N.L. Abeysinghe of the B/S in Animal Science and Ms. C.K. Pathirana and Ms. M.T.M. Perera of the B/S in Agricultural Engineering.