

1 3rd Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) Meeting



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Fruitful discussion between both parties



Ms Minako Sugawara with Dr Nurulakmar

MJIT held its third Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on 13 February to review Phase 3 progress of the Malaysia–Japan Linkages (MJL) project and outline future directions. Chaired by Prof. Ali Selamat, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), the session highlighted MJIT’s key achievements and its 2026–2030 strategic plans, presented by the Dean, alongside updates on project progress by the JICA-MJIT Chief Advisor. A major focus was the repositioning of MJL as a regional hub for research and talent development, strengthening Malaysia–Japan collaboration and expanding partnerships across ASEAN through industry–academia linkages. The meeting also marked the final JCC for Minako Sugawara, with the committee expressing sincere appreciation for her significant contributions to advancing Malaysia–Japan cooperation. Overall, the session reaffirmed a strong bilateral commitment to ensuring MJIT continues to serve as a leading model of international educational collaboration.

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2 Research Visit from Kyoto University of Advanced Science (KUAS)

Online Seminar by Dr Sakurama



Courtesy Call to the Dean of MJIT



Visit to Sunway University



Tour to ALGAE iKohza



Demonstration of Research Innovation from WIT

Thanks to the MJL Grant initiative, MJIT proudly welcomed Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haruko Sakurama from Kyoto University of Advanced Science (KUAS), Japan, for a three-day research visit from 24–26 February. This visit was also a result of ongoing research collaboration with Dr. Ruwaida, marking a key milestone in strengthening international partnerships and joint research efforts. During her stay, Dr. Sakurama toured specialized laboratories, including Circular Process Technology for Environment and Energy (CPTTE), Wellness Innovation Technology (WIT), the Algae and Biomass Research Laboratory, and facilities at Sunway University. These engagements enabled valuable exchanges of expertise and opened opportunities for future collaboration in sustainability and wellness research. A key highlight was her online seminar, “Microbes as Hidden Drivers of Environmental Risks and Solutions: From Pathogens to Pollutant Degraders.” The session drew strong participation from students and faculty, sparking engaging discussions on the role of microbiology in addressing environmental challenges and advancing sustainable solutions.