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SUT and Taipei Tech Explore Strategic Partnership in Engineering, Innovation and Student Mobility

TAIPEI, TAIWAN – 12 August 2026 — A delegation from Suranaree University of Technology (SUT), Thailand, led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pornsiri Jongkol, Dean of the Institute of Engineering, visited the **National Taipei University of Technology (Taipei Tech/NTUT)**, Taiwan, to explore the establishment of a new institutional partnership in engineering education, research, innovation, and international mobility.

The SUT delegation was welcomed by the Taipei Tech delegation led by Prof. Chuan-Ming Liu, Dean of the Office of International Affairs, together with Prof. Yuan-Jen Chang, Director of the Graduate Institute of Manufacturing Technology; Prof. Po-Hsuan Tseng, Chair of the Department of Electronic Engineering; and Prof. Chun Che Lin, Chair of the Department of Molecular Science and Engineering.

The multidisciplinary meeting provided a platform for both universities to present their strengths and identify practical pathways toward a formal partnership, particularly in areas connecting engineering, emerging technologies, research commercialization, entrepreneurship, and international talent development.



About Taiwan Tech

National Taipei University of Technology (Taipei Tech/NTUT) is a leading public technology university located in the heart of Taipei. With approximately 13,000 students, including 1,100 international students, the university combines engineering and technological education with strong industry and entrepreneurial connections.

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A distinctive strength of Taipei Tech is its entrepreneurial ecosystem and industry impact. Its alumni account for approximately **10% of Taiwan's company founders, board members and CEOs, while its graduates achieve a reported 95% employment rate.**

Taipei Tech is also strengthening frontier research through its **Frontier Institute for Research in Science and Technology (FIRST)**, focusing on **semiconductors, artificial intelligence and energy**. The university also hosts government-designated **national research centres in space technology and cybersecurity**, further strengthening its position in strategic and emerging technologies.



From Mobility to Joint Research and Dual Degrees

The two universities explored potential master's and PhD dual-degree programs, with emphasis on joint research, co-supervision and shared thesis development. This model could provide greater flexibility in overcoming differences between SUT's trimester system and Taipei Tech's semester system.

The discussion also highlighted TEEP and IIPP as practical starting points for lab-to-lab collaboration, allowing student internships and research attachments to develop progressively into deeper academic partnerships.

Both universities have mechanisms to support joint research seed funding, creating opportunities for faculty teams to initiate collaborative projects leading to high-quality international publications.

Building Pathways for Student Mobility

Student mobility was identified as an immediate area for collaboration. Taipei Tech introduced several opportunities available to SUT students, including:

- **Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP)** for professor-led academic and industry **internship** experiences;
- **International Internship Project Program (IIPP)** for **short-term, government-supported internships**;
- **Scholarships** for master's and doctoral studies;
- Opportunities for **Chinese language** study; and
- **Government-supported semester programs in semiconductor-related studies.**

Moving Forward

- **Formal Partnership:** Develop an institutional **MOU and Student Exchange Agreement** between SUT and Taipei Tech as the foundation for future cooperation.
- **Student Mobility:** Initiate exchanges and internships through **TEEP, IIPP and SUT's GPBL**.
- **Joint Research:** Connect researchers and utilize available seed funding to develop collaborative projects.
- **Graduate Collaboration:** Explore master's and PhD **dual-degree and joint-supervision models**.
- **Innovation & Entrepreneurship:** Develop opportunities connecting research, commercialization, industry and student entrepreneurship.

The visit marks an important step toward a strategic SUT–Taipei Tech partnership that connects international education with research, innovation and entrepreneurship, creating new opportunities for students, faculty and researchers in Thailand and Taiwan.

