

OFFICIAL REPORT: KLUST AND SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE NEPAL ADVANCE STRATEGIC ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

Date: 22 May 2026

Venue: Kuala Lumpur University of Science and Technology Campus [KLUST], Malaysia

Coordination: Partnership & Special Projects Office

Executive Overview

On 22 May 2026, KLUST welcomed a senior representative from Southwestern State College, Nepal, to explore cross-border educational synergies. The meeting focused on establishing a robust framework for international cooperation, aiming to enrich learning experiences and expand global opportunities for students and faculty at both institutions.

Dignitaries in Attendance

KLUST Representatives:

Professor Ts. Dr. David Ngo (President & Vice-Chancellor)

Professor Dr. Wei Hui Suan (Dean, Centre for Postgraduate Studies)

Southwestern State College Nepal Representative:

Mr. Hari Singh KC (Assistant Campus Chief)

Strategic Areas of Discussion

Facilitated by the Partnership & Special Projects Office, the dialogue centered on five core pillars of academic development:

- Faculty Exchange: Sharing teaching expertise and pedagogical methods.
- Collaborative Research: Launching joint scientific studies and peer-reviewed publications.
- Academic Events: Co-organizing international symposiums, webinars, and conferences.
- Global Internships: Securing cross-border corporate placement opportunities for students.
- Student Mobility: Establishing student exchange initiatives for broader cultural exposure.

Key Outcomes and Action Plan

The meeting concluded with concrete actionable steps to formalize the partnership:

- Initiated the drafting of an official Memorandum of Understanding.
- Agreed to evaluate course compatibility for credit transfer options.
- Joint Research Focus to identified shared priorities in technology and management studies.
- Scheduled a follow-up bilateral committee meeting for Q3 2026.

Conclusion

This institutional visit represents a vital step forward in building stronger educational ties between Malaysia and Nepal. Both KLUST and Southwestern State College Nepal remain dedicated to expanding global engagement, driving academic excellence, and preparing students for an interconnected workforce.

