

MEDIA RELEASE

A*STAR INSTITUTE OF MICROELECTRONICS AND UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN RESEARCH COLLABORATION IN EMERGING SECTORS

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The Institute of Microelectronics (IME), an Institute of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), has inked an agreement with University of Glasgow (UOG), a broad-based, research intensive institution, to collaborate in the research areas of mutual interest and synergetic nature in order to further their respective research, education and innovation agendas.

This agreement provides a platform for IME to work with UOG in the mutual fields of interest and expand the R&D eco-system beyond geographical boundaries. Prof. Dim-Lee Kwong, the Executive Director of IME, commented, “This MOU creates an opportunity for IME and UOG to share and expand our knowledge and experience, especially in bioelectronics and biomedical applications. We look forward to synergise our efforts in research and talent cultivation to drive the growth of these emerging sectors in Singapore and the United Kingdom.”

“The collaboration between IME and UOG brings about vast potential for us to advance our efforts in being an engine for propelling a new era of growth in particular, developing new nanotechnologies and advanced microengineering platforms for medical diagnostics. The overall aim is to deliver an impact that will benefit the United Kingdom and Singapore, and the wider community,” said Prof. Andrea Nolan, Senior Vice-Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow.

About the Institute of Microelectronics (IME)

The Institute of Microelectronics (IME) is a research institute of the Science and Engineering Research Council of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR). Positioned to bridge the R&D between academia and industry, IME's mission is to add value to Singapore's semiconductor industry by developing strategic

competencies, innovative technologies and intellectual property; enabling enterprises to be technologically competitive; and cultivating a technology talent pool to inject new knowledge to the industry. Its key research areas are in integrated circuits design, advanced packaging, bioelectronics and medical devices, MEMS, nanoelectronics, and photonics. For more information, visit IME on the Internet: <http://www.ime.a-star.edu.sg>.

About the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)

The Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) is the lead agency for fostering world-class scientific research and talent for a vibrant knowledge-based and innovation-driven Singapore. A*STAR oversees 14 biomedical sciences, and physical sciences and engineering research institutes, and seven consortia & centre, which are located in Biopolis and Fusionopolis, as well as their immediate vicinity. A*STAR supports Singapore's key economic clusters by providing intellectual, human and industrial capital to its partners in industry. It also supports extramural research in the universities, hospitals, research centres, and with other local and international partners.

About the University of Glasgow (UOG)

Founded in 1451, the University of Glasgow is the fourth oldest university in the English-speaking world. Today we are a broad-based, research intensive institution with a global reach. For more information, please view Glasgow 2020: a global vision http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_180610_en.pdf

We are a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading UK research universities, and we're striving to change the world with our expertise. Our annual research contract income totals more than £116m, which puts us in the UK's top 10 earners for research. It also means that we can make important discoveries, whether that's finding a way to detect malaria in minutes, or contributing to the biggest particle physics experiment in the world: the Large Hadron Collider.

The University of Glasgow is one the world's top 100 universities, according to the QS World University Rankings.

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