




## Recent Achievements and Events

### SETSCO and NUS Department of Building Formalise Long-standing Alliance



*Solemnising a union -- Mr Sze Thiam Siong (right) and Assoc Prof Lam (left) put pens to paper to formalise SETSCO and DOB's working relationship.*

After 15 years of collaboration, SETSCO Services and the Department of Building (DOB) of the NUS School of Design and Environment have formalised their partnership by signing a memorandum of understanding.

With the union thus made official, more joint projects are expected. These will help expose DOB students to the latest developments in applied science and technology from the building industry's perspective, said Associate Professor Lam Khee Poh, Head of DOB.

Equally upbeat about the partnership, SETSCO's General Manager Mr Sze Thiam Siong said, "The collaboration with NUS will serve as a platform on which the synergistic expertise and experience of both institutions can be commercially capitalised."

Through the years, DOB students have been visiting SETSCO -- a leading organisation offering a range of testing, calibration, inspection, consultancy and training services to a wide spectrum of industries -- to gain hands-on experience with the latest diagnostic facilities and instruments.

In addition, SETSCO and DOB have collaborated on numerous R&D and consultancy projects. In a recent initiative, DOB even tapped SETSCO's expertise by inviting its staff to help conduct classes.

Also launched during the signing ceremony was a new research project, Life Cycle Costing for Facade Maintenance. The project is to be funded and conducted by both NUS and SETSCO. The research team aims to develop a systematic framework to help identify the cause of failure for painted and plastered exterior walls and the resulting consequences.

The need and cost for maintenance may then be reduced.

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