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Moratuwa Uni.'s Institute of Technology partner City and Guilds of London

Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa (ITUM) and City and Guilds of London Institute have entered into an agreement to accredit the qualifications (National Diploma in Technology (NDT)) issued by the ITUM to qualify for the award of Advanced Diploma of the City and Guilds of London Institute in the respective fields of study.

The agreement is based on City & Guilds London's formal recognition of the syllabus, content, teaching methodology and assessment procedure adopted at the ITUM.

The National Diploma in Technology (NDT) is the successor to the former Junior Technical Officers (JTO) course conducted at the Institute of Practical Technology Katubedda, and continued under the Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa since 1987. In the year 2000, Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa (ITUM) was established by Ordinance No. 3 of 2000 to conduct the NDT programme. Today the NDT programme has reached the status as the benchmark programme of Sri Lanka for Technical Education at Diploma Level.

Since its creation in 1878, The City and



ITUM Director Dr. Kapila Perera (left) shakes hands with City & Guilds Sri Lanka Country Manager Mufthy Hashim whilst exchanging the agreement

Guilds of London Institute has been a leading agent for progress in Vocational Education and Training. A founding partner of Imperial College, City & Guilds is responsible for the design of the initial vocational qualifications infrastructure in the UK, and exports that knowledge and expertise across the globe.

As a registered charity and royal charter institute, City & Guilds receives no direct government grants but operates by charging enough to cover its costs and support future investment while maintaining value for money. City & Guilds started with just 202 candidates; now issue over 1.6 million certificates every year to candidates in nearly 100 countries.

City & Guilds have sustained growth by adapting to meet the requirements of employers and learners, and this has never been more important than today when competition is increasing, industries are global, and the pace of change in occupations and skills is accelerating ever more rapidly.

The accreditation provides the diploma holders with the option to obtain an additional internationally recognized qualification in engineering technology, thereby opening new opportunities in employment and further training.

The accreditation provides an exemption form the Certificate Examination (earlier part 1) of Engineering Council (UK0. Prior to this ar-

range the students who aspired for further studies in engineering disciplines were required to appear for this examination. Therefore, this opportunity will encourage more diploma holders to pursue professional engineering qualifications through Engineering Council (UK) scheme of training.

The diploma holders who register for NDT courses from the commencement of ITUM in year 2000 will qualify for this opportunity. The procedure to be followed by the eligible diploma holders would be to apply to City & Guilds Colombo office for accreditation of qualifications, with copies of the transcripts and the NDT certificate and tender the requisite fees.