

Technology collaboration to enhance innovation ecosystem

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Dimension Data and NTT sign MOU with Deakin University and WSU to accelerate innovation



Dimension Data and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Deakin University and Western Sydney University (WSU) in Australia to collaborate on research projects with a focus on solving social challenges that are common between Australia and Japan.

This joint-vision partnership is the first time NTT has entered into an agreement of this nature with research institutions outside of Japan.

Under this agreement, all parties will start working together to develop and implement innovative solutions with the joint vision of improving the lives, health and wellbeing of citizens.

The MOU was officially signed at a ceremony at Dimension Data's Australian headquarters in Darling Park, Sydney and attended by representatives from all parties including; Katsuhiko Kawazoe, Senior Vice President, Head of Research and Development Planning at NTT; Steve Nola, CEO for Dimension Data Australia; Julie Owens, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research at Deakin University; and Deborah Sweeney, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Research and Innovation at WSU.

The emphasis on healthcare, disability and ageing is influenced by the ageing populations in both countries and the challenges this poses for society as a whole.

Japanese societal transformation plan, 'Society 5.0', has inspired the MOU and explores how the development and access to disruptive technologies, such as connected healthcare can transform and improve society. This partnership provides a framework for Australia and Japan to drive the creation and commercialisation of technologies and solutions to address real-world issues such as the needs of the disabled and those of an ageing population.