

## NANOTEC sets up 4th NANO Plus Center in Thailand

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**Singapore:** Thailand's NANOTEC and Prince of Songkla University (PSU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the 4th and final NANO Plus (TTN Network Center). It is expected that the 4th center will promote nanotechnology awareness to approximately 100,000 audiences per year.

The MoU were signed by associate professor Dr Wilaiwan Chotigeat, dean of faculty of science, PSU, and professor Sirirug Songsivilai, executive director, NANOTEC.

The aim of the 4th NANO Plus Center is to collaborate in promoting public awareness of nanotechnology in schools and universities. The other NANO Plus Centers are based in the north (Rajamongkol Lanna University of Technology, Chiangrai), north east (Udon thani Rajabhat University), and central regions (Rajamangala University of Technology Suvarnabhumi) of Thailand.

"The collaboration we are undertaking today coincide with the National Nanotechnology Framework which was recently passed by the government which included the need to promote public understanding and awareness of nanotechnology development" said professor Sirirug Songsivilai, executive director, NANOTEC.

"We are very fortunate to be able to work with our NANO Plus partners to leap frog the process of building public awareness of nanotechnology via the teacher trainer approach. We see this as the most effective multiplying tool for the task," professor Songsivilai added.