

## CSIR , India and UNIK, Malaysia sign Agreement for Research and Development Collaboration



*The High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, Shri Vijay Gokhale and the Malaysian Chief Executive Officer, Special Innovation Unit of the Prime Minister's Office, Y. Bhg Dato' Dr. Kamal Jit Singh signing the agreement between Special Innovation Unit (UNIK) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India (CSIR), on Research and Development Collaboration, in the presence of the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak, at Putrajaya, the Prime Minister Office, in Malaysia on October 27, 2010.*

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Special Innovation Unit (UNIK) of Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia signed an Agreement on Research and Development Collaboration, during the visit of Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh to Malaysia on October 27, 2010, to increase cooperation in research, development innovation and commercialization of technology.

The Agreement envisages establishment of a Joint Innovation Accelerator Centre in Malaysia to carry out research on areas of mutual interest such as green technology, water treatment, medicinal and aromatic plants and also includes other innovative technologies. It also encourages transfer of knowledge; exchange of experts, scientists and researchers; production of joint reports of publications; and study visits relating to the projects and programme to be undertaken by the Joint Innovation Accelerator Centre. Both CSIR and UNIK will also

explore and develop the use of herbs, plants, flowers and fruits for medicinal in Malaysia and aromatic purposes by way of extraction techniques, processes and methodologies;

UNIK has been set up in 2010 in the Prime Minister's Department to enable it emerge as an important focal point for innovation in the country. CSIR, a premier scientific and industrial research organization in India, would share its knowledge and expertise for mutual benefit.