SINGAPORE: Singapore and China have signed an updated agreement to step up cooperation on education, taking collaboration further to the university sectors of both countries.

Education Minister Ng Eng Hen signed the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with his Chinese counterpart Zhou Ji at the St. Regis Hotel on Friday.

The signing was witnessed by State Councillor and Political Bureau Member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, Mdm Liu Yandong.

The Chinese leaders, together with Vice Minister for Science and Technology Li Xueyong, are on an official four-day visit to Singapore.

The Education Ministry said the agreement signals strong government support on both sides for a partnership between a top Chinese University and Singapore's proposed fourth university.

Mdm Liu also called on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong earlier in the day and spent the morning visiting Raffles Institution, the National University of Singapore and the Confucius Institute at the Nanyang Technological University.

She will meet with Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew on Saturday before returning to China.

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