

Contactless cards for university campus access control

MIOTEC SUPPLIES TAMPERE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY WITH RFID CARDS

Miotec Oy will supply Tampere University of Technology (TUT) and the university's student union with contactless cards for access control. Approximately 20 000 cards will be delivered in the first phase.

The new card will enable students and personnel to come and go throughout the university around the clock, simultaneously ensuring that only authorized persons are on the premises. Student cards will carry RFID technology.

According to TUT's Service Manager Ilpo Kytölä a better and uniform security system covering the entire campus became necessary with the expansion of the university. "We were aware of the need for personnel cards with photos which would make identification easier. Now the same card works both as an ID card and an access control card," Kytölä explains. The University of Technology has an access control system supplied by Oy Esmi Ab, which will be updated over the summer. The card readers are produced by Idesco.

"In addition to companies and organizations, educational establishments are catching on to the advantages of contactless personnel cards, which include enhanced security of school premises and limited property damages," says Timo Friman, CEO of Miotec. "A Miotec card solution is interoperable with the most common access control systems, so implementation costs are moderate."

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