UMS to become translation, editing hub

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Malaysia Books and Translations Institute (ITBM) to empower the translation and editing field of both parties.

Representing UMS at the signing ceremony was Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor and witnessed by UMS registrar, Luqman Ridha Anwar.

ITBM was represented by Managing Director cum Chief Executive Officer, Sakri Abdullah and witnessed by Business Development Manager, Nor Azanizan Anawar.

Kasim in his speech said that the aim of the MoU was to increase the number of accredited translators and editors among UMS academician staff.

"UMS will also become one of the hubs in quality translation and editing services in Sabah and Malaysia through this cooperation," he said.

"Aside from that, both parties are committed to introduce the field of translation and editing as a career that can be trusted, possess potentials and capable of value add," he said.

He also said that UMS and ITBM have agreed to cooperate in three matters.

"UMS and ITBM will organise translation and editing workshops for UMS academic staff to increase the number of accredited translators in UMS and also develop and promote UMS as ITBM East Malay Hub including the preparation of logistics and skilled service by ITBM.

"The third issue is in the aspect of book publications, by providing exposure, training and opportunities to UMS citizens including in book publication without difficulties in the process of publication and cost," said Kasim.

He added that various positive impacts could result from the UMS-ITBM MoU.