



UMS officers led by Kasim and the University of Tokyo delegation.

UMS, University of Tokyo hold Nature Tourism Postgraduate Colloquium

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Tropical Forestry, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo (UTokyo), Japan organised UMS-UTokyo Nature Tourism Postgraduate Colloquium 2023 recently.

It was officiated by UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Hj Mansor.

In his officiating speech, Kasim mentioned that the implementation of the colloquium was in line with UMS vision and mission to achieve academic excellence and international recognition through its attention to teaching

and learning, research and publications, and social services.

"This postgraduate colloquium is organised as part of the ongoing collaborations under MoU, which was just extended for another five years, aims to provide a forum for meeting and the proliferation of ideas among the postgraduate students of UMS and UTokyo.

"It also aims to promote the culture of knowledge sharing in the field of forestry, and specifically on nature tourism," he said.

He added that the colloquium will further strengthen both university working relationship and serve as a forum for learning from each other on various

aspects of forestry.

"Nature tourism is a timely topic because tourism is one of the important industries in Sabah," said Kasim.

Meanwhile, according to the Dean of the Faculty of Tropical Forestry (FPT), Assoc Prof Dr Normah Awang Besar @ Raffie, FPT UMS has a long-standing relationship with the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UTokyo.

"With the signing of MoU in June 2017, UMS forestry was invited as one of the core universities in Asia to participate in the Asian University Forest Research Network under the Core-to-core Programme of the

Japan Society for Promotion of Science," she said.

During the colloquium, five distinguished invited speakers delivered their talk pertaining to nature tourism management and development in Sabah.

They are Assoc Prof Dr Kae Miyazawa from Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (UTokyo), Dr Maklarin Lakim from Sabah Park, Prof Dr Jennifer Chan Kim Lian from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy UMS, Assoc Prof Dr Fiffy Hanisdah Saikim from Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation UMS, and Dr Wilson Wong Vun Chiong from FPT UMS.