



Ramzah (third left) and Kasim exchanging MoU. From right: Hasnah, Adeline, Mohd Rahimie and Luqman.

IDS, UMS sign MoU on economic research cooperation

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KOTA KINABALU: The Institute for Development Studies (Sabah) (IDS) and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) focusing on future collaborations and promoting economic research cooperation.

The signing ceremony was held at Wisma IDS, Kota Kinabalu on Tuesday.

According to IDS CEO Datuk Ts Dr Ramzah Dambul, the signing ceremony is based on IDS and UMS' mutual intention to establish a basis of cooperation and collaboration between the two entities, that will strengthen, promote and develop economic research cooperation and related activities on the basis of equality and mutual benefits for both.

IDS is looking forward to working together with UMS especially in the area of education and research, through exchange of expertise, collaborative publications and conferences or seminars.

Vice Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Hj Mansor in his speech stated UMS and IDS have been working closely with each other for the past 20

years in many areas and the signing of MoU is another important milestone achieved by the two organisations.

He termed the IDS and UMS relationship is as strong as a family and hoped that it would continue for a long time. This is more so with the appointment of Ramzah who is on a secondment from UMS to lead IDS as the Chief Executive Officer.

Kasim, who is a member of IDS, further expressed his wish to see the two entities collaborate either formally or informally in areas that will benefit the state of Sabah as a whole.

The MoU was signed by Ramzah and Kasim, witnessed by IDS chairperson Datuk Adeline Leong and Dean of Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, UMS, Assoc Prof Dr Mohd. Rahimie Abd Karim.

The signatories for witnesses were signed by IDS COO Hjh Hasnah Samsudin and UMS registrar Luqman Ridha Anwar.

Also present at the ceremony were IDS Board of Directors and IDS Management Committee.