

SOILS Conference 2011 kicks off on Monday next week

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KOTA KINABALU: 170 scientists, academics and researchers from the nation and overseas will be attending the SOILS Conference 2011, which will be held here starting on Monday.

The four-day conference, jointly organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), the Association of Soil Science Malaysia (MSSS), Agriculture Department and Sabah Forestry Department, will exhibit 70 results in research and development in the field of science and soil management.

The conference, which is being held in the state for the second time, is expected to enable the sharing of new discoveries, the latest ideas as well as the exchange of important information in regards to soil science and management said UMS vice-chancellor, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon at a dinner on Tuesday night for the participants.

He said the aspect of soil fertility is an important parameter in efforts to develop produce output for farmers and plantations nowadays.

His speech text was delivered by vice-chancellor of UMS Research and Innovation Department, Prof Hajah Rosnah Ismail.

Sabah first hosted the conference in 2001.

Also present were, MSSS president, Prof Dr Ahmad Husni Mohd Haniff as well as senior officers of UMS.