

# Research Hubs within the Asian - Africa Region

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The symposium which was officiated by the Dean School of Medicine Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Prof Dr Osman Ali, is a collaboration between School of Medicine UMS and Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Asia Africa (AA) Science Platform Program. It was held on the 27th and 28th of April 2011, in the Ahmad Nisfu Theater, School of Arts Studies Universiti Malaysia Sabah. The targeted participants were the postgraduate students (Master and PhD), the Medical Laboratory Technologists, and the Academic staff from all the schools in UMS. The invited speakers were from Chubu Universiti Japan, Hanoi University of Science and Technology Vietnam, Marine Borneo Institute UMS, School of Science and Technology UMS, and none other than the School of Medicine UMS.

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