## The State Government Supports UMS Seaweed Activities

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and skilled human capital can be born in this area.

**TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER** – Sabah State Government have always giving full supports to Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) efforts to develop research and innovations in seaweed.

Sabah Assistant Minister of Agriculture and Food Industries, Datuk Sairin Karno said, seeing the importance of the seaweed industry in increasing the state's economy and helping the efforts to eradicate poverty particularly the people who lives along the shores, supports to the higher education institution like UMS is important. This is important since the institutions will ensure knowledgeable

"Expertise from research agencies and bodies including the public and private higher education institutions are crucial in supporting the government's efforts in developing the upstream and downstream seaweed industries to be more organized and systematic."

"Universiti Malaysia Sabah efforts in doing the research and innovation centred to the seaweed industries is corresponding with the government's aspiration," he said. He said during the opening ceremony of 'UMS Seaweed Showcase 2014' at the Banquet Hall, Chancellor Hall Building in UMS last night."

He also mentions the Seaweed Research Unit is in accordance with the industries demand. He also hopes that the unit will become the nation's reference centre in research and development of the seaweed field.

UMS Seaweed Showcase 2014 is the first showcase in various research products, innovations and food products based on seaweed. A few faculties, centres, institutes and units were also involved in the showcase. -MA(JA)-

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