

Translate Research On Agriculture To Community Projects

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MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER – The Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj Aman urged that research in the field of agriculture industry be translated to a community project which will benefit and add knowledge to farmers, breeders as well as agricultural entrepreneurs.

He said the involvement and investments from private sectors in the agriculture industry should support Sabah's economic development.

“The expertise at the university level should be shared with government agencies and industry so that the development of the state agricultural industry becomes more comprehensive, orderly and systematic,” he said.

“Sustainable economic development not only dependent on government spending but also through investments from the private sector,” he added. He said this at the launching ceremony of the Agriculture Carnival 2013, School of Sustainable Agriculture (SPL) and the launch of MyAgrosis at SPL's Multipurpose Hall, UMS Sandakan Branch Campus yesterday.

He praised UMS efforts in organising the Agri Carnival in Sandakan which showed that UMS placed priority on human capital development and the spread of knowledge including bringing the institution closer to the public.

Earlier, UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said the carnival was organised with the aim to expose UMS students to venture into agricultural industry as agricultural entrepreneurs.

He stressed that MyAgrosis Club was one of the positive steps taken that would be able to produce skilful professional agricultural entrepreneurs under the guidance of the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) and the Fisheries Department Malaysia.

“I believe with the students involvement in MyAgrosis Club would help to implement some key elements such as self-discipline, leadership, ethics, communication and negotiation skills, thus preparing students to become successful agricultural entrepreneurs who are capable and easily adaptable with the rural communities,” he said.

Among those present at the launching ceremony were Sandakan Municipal Council President, Datuk Ir. James Wong; TSH Resources Berhad Chairman, Datuk Dr. Kelvin Tan Aik Pen; Sabah FAMA Chairman, Ribin Wahid and Area Manager of Agrobank Sabah, Rosli Yahya. – *MA*

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