

UMS-CTI Sabah Branch Organise 5th CTI-CFF Discussion and Grant Writing Workshop

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TUESDAY, 17 APRIL – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through the Malaysia Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Sabah branch office under the Borneo Marine Research Institute (BMRI) collaborates with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) as the CTI Focal Point in managing the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reef, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF).

Recently, CTI Sabah and UMS are pleased to host the 5th CTI-CFF Climate Change Adaptation Working Group Regional Exchange (CCA REX) and Grant Writing Workshop.

The objective of this programme is to recall and review the priority outline in the REAP-CCA, both at the country and regional level, and also to discuss and assess the status of implementation in order to identify what needs to be done to achieve the REAP objectives.

Besides that, the program try to develop and finalise the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the establishment of the Regional COE on CCA, develop the course outline for Executive Course on CCA designed for local governments based on the LEAP Guide and also to enhance the skills of the participants in terms of proposal-writing to increase chances of winning grants to support the national CCA programmes and activities.

Deputy Secretary General MOSTI, Associate Profesor Dr. Ramzah Dambul said the programme was a good platform for CTI-CCA to discuss new opportunities in science, technology and innovation to contribute towards each of our country's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDCs).

"The approaches we recommend should also enable us to provide science-based input for policy making," he said when officiating the programme.

Meanwhile, in his welcome remarks, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof affirmed his full support and encouragement for university scientists to strengthen research collaboration not only within and among local universities and government agencies in Malaysia, but also within the Coral Triangle region in achieving the five CTI goals.

He also offered the programme participants a boat tour of the beautiful Kota Kinabalu city aboard UMS' catamarans.

The programme was attended by a total of 39 participants and observers from the CTI-CFF six countries (CT6), which are Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

Also present at the programme opening ceremony was the Chair of Technical Working Group Climate Change Adaptation (TWG CCA), MOSTI Dr. K. Nagulendran, and the Director of BMRI Profesor Dr. Rossita Shapawi.