

UMS-UPSI Published Book on Sabah Ethnicity

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TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER – A collaboration between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) had resulted in the publication of a book on Sabah ethnicity, ‘Tinimungan Tangon Kadazandusun’.

The book was written by senior lecturers of the Faculty of Language and Communication UPSI, Minah Sintian and Rosliah Kiting was the first product of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between UMS and UPSI earlier this year.

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun during the Borneo Book Fair 2016 at 1Borneo, Kota Kinabalu on Saturday.

Also launched was another book entitled, ‘The Borneo Heritage Trail: Travel Notes Series 1’, written by lecturers from the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW) UMS, Professor Dr. Ismail Ibrahim, Dr. Humin Jusilin, Dr. Zaimie Sahibil and Dr. Mohamad Puad Bebit.

Meanwhile, Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi called for more publications on Sabah ethnic stories be expanded and continued.

“The cooperation between UMS and UPSI in publishing works on Kadazandusun folk stories are highly appreciated to preserve this heritage.

“It is important to document history, culture and social life of the multi-ethnic community of this state to be shared with the public,” he said.

Meanwhile, Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah in his speech delivered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Dr Shahril Yusof said, the Borneo Book Fair this year featured 68 booths with 49 exhibitors from local and abroad.

“The Borneo Book Fair not only showcases various titles and genres, but also provide opportunities and space for local small entrepreneurs to open retail space to showcase their products,” he said.

Also present at the ceremony were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation UPSI, Prof. Dato’ Dr. Noraini Idris; Director of UMS Press, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Asmady Idris; Director of UPSI Press, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nasir Nayan; Deputy Director of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Noraini Abdul Hamid; and Principal Assistant Director of Academic Management Sector, State Education Department Sabah, Mohd Fazli Abdul Rozan. – *(f/l)*

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