## Sabah, an Important International Training Ground: SKN

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This year 50 percent of

the participants came from Africa, and we are pleased to see this commitment towards nature conservation in Africa.

"On behalf of the state government, I am proud to say that Sabah has become an important international venue for the Integrated Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management, and I am confident that this programme will continue," he said.

He said this in his speech read by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Associate Professor Dr. Ismail Ali at the closing ceremony of the programme held at the Banquet Hall, UMS.

The 21-day programme was organised by the Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (IBTP), UMS in collaboration with the State Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Also present at the function was the Director of IBTP, Professor Dr. Charles S. Vairappan. -(fl)