## UMS-KDN MoU to Improve Level of Security Issues in Sabah

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**WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH** – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) further strengthened its cooperation with government agencies through a collaboration with the Home Affairs Ministry (KDN) Malaysia.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding (Mou) signed between the two parties at the opening of the Public Safety and Security Seminar (SEKAM) at Dewan Canselor recently through UMS' Centre for Strategic and Security Research (SASSREC) and KDN through the Institute of Public Safety Malaysia (IPSOM) would collaborate and share their knowledge and research expertise in the aspects of crime, safety and public welfare in Sabah.

The MoU was signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah representing UMS, whilst KDN was represented by its Secretary General, Dato' Seri Alwi Ibrahim.

Also witnessing the signing of this collaboration between UMS-KDN were the Deputy Prime Minister cum Home Affairs Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi; Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman; Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Dato' Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim; Deputy Minister II of Home Affairs, Tuan Masir Anak Kujat and other senior officials from KDN and the security forces.

Under the MoU, both signing partners agreed to develop a research mechanism to review and analyse data pertaining to the safety and welfare of the public, carry out the collection and analysis of data scientifically, collaborate to develop a research centre in the field of public safety and welfare, and to channel research results to the policymakers and the criminal justice system.

Datuk Ahmad Zahid also received his appointment as an Adjunct Professor at SASSREC, UMS, at the same ceremony. -MA (*fl*) Photo: Ernest Berinus