

## VC Calls on IPMB to Strengthen Its Publications, Industry Networking and Grants

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**MONDAY, 18 JANUARY –** The agenda on publications, industry networking and research grants should be strengthened to ensure the Borneo Marine Research Institute (IPMB) achieve its own excellence status.

This was stated by the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS),

Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah during his recent visit to the institute.

He said the government had spent millions of ringgit to set up a research institute, the institute must therefore exhibit their contributions to the public and the nation through various excellent achievements.

“IPMB must monitor each Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of their researchers and the research grants achieved, while ensuring that each lecturer produce an article,” he urged.

Earlier, the Director of IPMB, Professor Dr. Rossita Shapawi briefed on the continuous improvement achieved by IPMB in the areas of publication, research and innovation, enrolment of postgraduate students, industry networking and collaboration the last five years.

She said that by increasing the number of things such as facilities and human resources, IPMB potential as a Higher Education Centre of Excellence (HiCOE) in the context of aquaculture will remain relevant. – *MA (fl)*  
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