UMS-AEON to Produce Professional Graduates

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FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AEON Co. (M) Berhad (AEON) at UMS Chancellery Building today.

UMS was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni (HEPA) UMS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali whilst AEON was represented by its Human Resource Division General Manager, Etsuko Eto.

The MoU opened opportunities for students of the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition (FSMP) UMS to undergo industry training under the Sustainable Supplier Development Programme (SSDP) under AEON.

According to Dr. Ismail, the involvement of industries in providing training would sharpen the professionalism of our students in acquiring entrepreneurship skill, good communication and effective problem solving.

"Producing graduates with great potential in industry is something subjective, it comes from experience and individual understanding on the needs of the world of industry," he said.

He also added that the MoU hoped to bring about benefit especially to UMS community and the community of Sabah generally.

For the record, there are a total of ten clusters under the Industry Centre of Excellence (ICoE) introduced by the Ministry of Education Malaysia (KPM) and UMS as the spoke university for four clusters which are Wholesale & Retail, Hospitality & Tourism, Oil & Gas and Biotechnology.

The Memorandum of Understanding was witnessed by the Registrar of UMS, Datuk Abdullah Hj. Mohd. Said, AEON Quality and Risks Management, Lt. Col. Yaacob Mahmud, Senior Officers of UMS, representatives of AEON and Universiti Utara Malaysia. – *ZMD (fl)*

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