

# UMS commercialises seaweed management and cultivation technology

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The seaweed management and cultivation technology produced by a group of researchers from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is now being commercialised to expand the seaweed industry in the State.

UMS Research & Innovation Centre deputy director Prof Bersekutu Dr Rasid Mail said the new technology comprise the "Eco-Friendly Tie-Tie", "Seaweed Fertiliser", "Table Tie Seedlings" and "Anchor", which are produced by Prof Madya Dr Suhaimi Mohd Yasir and a team of researchers from the UMS School of

"The new technology uses a new method to cultivate higher quality seaweed in a more efficient and productive way that is eco friendly," he said when met by the press after the USM Research Award 2011 here on Friday night.

At the event, three companies namely Green Leaf Synergy Sdn Bhd, VC United Sdn Bhd and Sebangkat Reef Eco Plants Sdn Bhd signed a licensing document agreement to commercialise UMS R&D products namely the usage of technology in seaweed cultivation.

Dr Rasid said that the seaweed industry is now fast expanding in the global market.