



THANK YOU ... Abu Hassan (left) presenting a "memento" to Konishi yesterday.

UMS wants to share expertise in research

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) wants to learn, share and co-operate with other institutions in scientific research.

UMS Vice Chancellor Tan Sri Professor Dr Abu Hassan Othman said the UMS Research Centre was working hard towards attaining international recognition in bio-diversity and biotechnology, marine and aqua-cultural sciences and related areas in scientific research.

Speaking during the "Delivery of Equipment for Japanese Language Laboratory in UMS, yesterday, he said the Grant Contract between the Embassy of Japan and UMS brought Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots-Cultural Project such as the language laboratory which was equipped with modern language teaching facilities.

"The relationship between UMS and the Japanese Government has always been on an excellent footing. On several occasions the Japanese government has extended the hand of friendship and material assistance to UMS," said Abu

Hassan.

He hoped that through the excellent relations that have been forged between the governments of Malaysia and Japan, UMS would continue to receive the support and educational assistance from them.

Meanwhile, Masaki Konishi, the Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia, said the "cultural grant would not have materialised without the untiring efforts of all parties concerned from the two countries".

The Dean of Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning, Professor Dr Ahmat Adam said 650 students were learning Japanese Language in both the UMS campuses.

There is a large number of students interested in learning Japanese Language even though UMS still lacks of Japanese instructors.

Ahmat added that since 1996, the Centre for the Promotion of knowledge and Language Learning or known as PPIB had been receiving donation of books and teaching aids in the form of video and cassette tapes from the Japanese Embassy.