

UMS, Wuyi University urged to collaborate with other institutions

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KOTA KINABALU: Sze Yi Association West Coast, Sabah President Datuk Susan Wong Siew Guen has urged Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Wuyi University, China to join hands with other higher learning institutions in broadening their collaborations by creating more academic programmes, in effort to increase education exchanges between Malaysia and China.

She said this will enhance connectivity in the education sector that is mutually beneficial for both institutions, in terms of attracting more international students to enrol in UMS and Wuyi University.

"Such a move will propel the international collaboration between both universities to the next level," Susan said at a luncheon she hosted for officials from Wuyi University, Jiangmen city, Guangdong, China and UMS here yesterday.

The delegation from China was led by Dr Chen Tinggen, vice president of Wuyi University while UMS was represented by Prof Dr Ho Chong Mun, The Centre for Internalization and Global Engagement director Prof Madya Dr Wardatul Akmam Din, Dr Beatrice Lim Fui Yee and Junainah Ismail.

Susan said the association has established close ties with Jiangmen city in Guangdong province, China, after playing host to the 3rd World Youth Congress of Jiangmen which we



Susan, Dr Chen, Sun, Dr Wang, Dr Zhai, Dr Xiong, Dr Wardatul, Dr Ho, Dr Beatrice, Junainah and others join hands to show the strong collaboration between Wuyi University and UMS.

co-organized with the People's Government of Jiangmen 12 years ago in 2012. The congress took place at Sutera Harbour Resort from June 1 to 3, 2012.

She said a series of significant programmes were held during the three-day event, including presentation of the Top 10 Outstanding Youth Awards and two Most Outstanding Youth Awards; Youth Economic Forum; trade, tourism and cultural dialogue, followed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between three travel agencies; signing of a MoU to establish the Federation of Jiangmen Association Malaysia as a platform to connect the Jiangmen clan in Malaysia; and signing of a MoU to establish Friendship City ties between Jiangmen city and Kota Kinabalu city. The MoU led to the inking of a Letter of Intent (LOI) between UMS and Wuyi University to form collaboration

on October 30, 2017.

Since then, Wuyi University has sent students on exchange programme to UMS annually, while UMS students also undergo training courses at Wuyi University.

This included a two-week summer camp on artificial intelligence (AI) in UMS participated by 52 second- and third-year students of Wuyi University, in an effort to advance educational exchange and AI development between Malaysia and China last year.

She hoped that Wuyi University will work closely with UMS and other higher learning institutions to widen their collaborations by creating more academic courses, in effort to enhance the education exchanges between Malaysia and China.

"Let's work together in building an international education hub to enhance the economic and

education development of Wuyi, Jiangmen, China and Sabah Malaysia."

Meanwhile, Dr Chen said the signing of the LOI between Wuyi University and UMS has borne fruitful results, and expressed his appreciation to Susan for her effort in this matter.

He hoped that both universities will deepen their collaboration in the future and achieve greater heights.

Dr Wardatul also hoped that the friendship and collaboration between both universities will last for years to come.

Also present from Wuyi University were International Affairs Office vice director Sun Ya, School of Environmental and Chemical Engineering vice dean Dr Wang Haiping, School of Electronics and Information Engineering vice dean Dr Zhai Yikui, and School of Economics and Management lecturer Dr Xiong Shasha.