

UMS, Universitas Brawijaya ink MoU to strengthen academic ties

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universitas Brawijaya (UB) have formalised a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bolster academic and research collaborations.

UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr Kasim Mansur, said the partnership initially began with a Letter of Intent (LoI) at the faculty level and has since expanded to cover broader initiatives, including student and staff exchanges, joint research activities, and academic lectures.

"Several programmes have already been rolled out, such as the Brawijaya International Student Mobility Award 2024, UBStars 2023 and 2024, International Staff Mobility Programmes at UMS and UB, the three-in-one Programme in both years, and collaborative publications in academic journals," he said.

The UB delegation was led by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Widodo, who



Kasim (left) and Widodo signing the MoU to strengthen academic and research collaborations between UMS and Universitas Brawijaya.

was accompanied by Vice Rector for Planning, Collaboration and Internationalisation, Prof. Dr. Andi Kurniawan; Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Prof. Dr. Sc. Asep Awaludin Prihanto; and Dr. Aziz Jaziri.

Kasim and his team, comprising UMS Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic and International

Affairs, Prof. Dr. Rossita Shapawi; Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Ir. Rosalam Sarbatly; Assistant Registrar, Luqman Ridha and Director of the Borneo Marine Research Institute, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ching Fui Fui, welcomed the delegation.

Beyond the signing ceremony, the visit also served as a

platform for both universities to further discuss ongoing research collaborations, exchange of expertise, and the creation of new academic and student mobility opportunities.

"We hope these initiatives will continue to foster strategic cooperation in academia and research between UMS and UB," added Kasim.