

UMS inks MoU with Yun Fook Resources to develop research garden

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KOTA KINABALU: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Yun Fook Resources Sdn Bhd was inked for the purpose of developing a research garden for durian and other fruits on lands belonging to UMS.

The MoU could be a platform for research, field studies, and suitable courses that fulfil academic and syllabus requirement.

The owner of the company, Datuk Yap Yun Fook, said the effort could provide facilities for the lecturers and students in conducting research and collecting data.

"Research work will be much

easier, and we give opportunities to students to be involved in the agricultural sector because it could improve one's living standard," he said after the signing ceremony recently.

According to him, the company previously collaborated and started up the research garden concept with UMS Sustainable Agriculture Faculty at Sandakan Campus.

"There are a various types of fruits like durian, jackfruit, pineapple, and coconut, we also have swiftlet house which the students there are directly involved with the project," he added.

Also present during the event were UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin;

Chairman of UMS Board of Directors, Datuk KY Mustafa; Director of Tropical and Conservation Biology Institution, Associate Prof Dr Monica Suleiman; and Dean of the Sustainable Agriculture Faculty, Associate Prof Dr Saafie Salleh.

Kamarudin (left) and Yap (second right) exchanging documents after the signing ceremony as KY Mustafa (second left) looks on.

