



IPB UMS management team taking a commemorative photo with delegates from Xiamen University Malaysia and ICOMM Sdn Bhd. Also seen are Dr Azlan (seventh from left), Dr Chen (sixth from right) and Chua (fifth from right).

IPB UMS strengthens industrial and international collaboration

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) Institute for Biotechnology Research (IPB) continues to solidify its position as a centre of excellence by forging strategic partnerships with industry players and higher learning institutions both locally and abroad.

Most recently, IPB hosted a courtesy visit from a delegation representing Xiamen University Malaysia and ICOMM Sdn Bhd during an official visit and discussion session focused on enhancing collaboration in the field of biotechnology research.

The delegation was led by Datuk Chua Soon Bui, senior adviser of ICOMM Sdn Bhd, along with Prof Dr Chen Beng Hui from Xiamen University Malaysia.

Discussions centred on strategic opportunities in natural product research, including herbal plants and biomass studies, as part of efforts to support innovation and sustainable development.

IPB director Prof Dr Jualang Azlan Gansau, in his opening remarks, underscored the institute's commitment to expanding research

collaborations to ensure biotechnology can contribute meaningfully to the well-being of Sabahans.

"IPB is constantly working to carry out high-impact research that not only builds capacity but also stimulates the country's bioeconomy growth in line with the National Biotechnology Policy 2.0," he said.

Both parties also expressed confidence that the collaboration will open up greater opportunities for the development of knowledge, expertise and innovation in the biotechnology sector.