

UMS signs LoI with Club Med Borneo

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), through its Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy (FPEP), has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Club Med Borneo (Golden Sands Beach Development Sdn Bhd), a five-star resort currently under development in Kuala Penyu.

This collaboration marks a significant step in strengthening strategic linkages between UMS and the international industry, in line with the university's aspiration to expand global recognition in academia, research and talent development.

Under the LoI, several areas of collaboration will be explored, including the provision of internship opportunities and real-

world industry experience for UMS students. The partnership will also focus on knowledge-sharing through seminars, conferences, workshops and joint academic and research activities.

Dean of FPEP, Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Rahimie Abd Karim, said the collaboration represents a strategic platform that will add value to UMS students in the field of international hospitality.

"This collaboration not only provides students with opportunities to gain real-world experience but also strengthens UMS's ties with the global tourism industry. It is in line with the university's aspiration to produce competent, competitive graduates who meet the needs of the global market," he said.

He added that the collaboration is expected to open new avenues in human capital development, research, and innovation within the tourism and hospitality sector, particularly in Sabah. Club Med Borneo, being developed on a 41-acre site in Kampung Tanjung Aru, Kuala Penyu, is scheduled for completion in 2026.

The resort will feature over 400 rooms, restaurants, a gourmet lounge, bars, an entertainment stage, and various recreational facilities.

This prestigious project is not only expected to become a major tourism attraction in Sabah but will also create extensive opportunities for UMS students to gain direct exposure to world-class hospitality operations.



UMS and Club Med Borneo representatives exchange documents.