

UMS hosts Borneo International Postgraduate Symposium

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KOTA KINABALU: The Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Centre for Postgraduate Studies hosted the inaugural Borneo International Postgraduate Symposium @ UMS 2025, bringing together more than 50 postgraduate students and researchers from Malaysia and abroad.

Held from Oct 22 to 24, the symposium carried the theme "Innovative Societies through Inclusive and Sustainable Research: A Contemporary Vision from the Brain of Borneo." It featured paper and poster presentations, research and academic workshops and a session on research writing.

The opening ceremony at the Centre's auditorium was officiated by the Dean of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Professor Dr Murnizam

Halik, representing UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor said the symposium's objectives reflect UMS's commitment to nurturing top talent, fostering academic and community excellence, and promoting knowledge transfer, three key focus areas he outlined in his Majlis Amanat Naib Canselor earlier this year.

He added that the event's theme aligns with the Halatuju Sabah Maju Jaya development framework, which emphasises inclusivity, fairness, prosperity and sustainability as the pillars of progress for Sabah.

Professor Murnizam said participants hailed from Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Ghana, Pakistan and several other countries, highlighting the

growing international reach of the university's postgraduate community.

"This symposium provides an important platform for postgraduate researchers to share ideas, showcase their work and build networks that can strengthen collaborative research in the region," he said.

Keynote speakers included Director of the UMS Eco Campus Management Centre, Professor Dr Awangku Hassanal Bahar Pengiran Bagul and Chief Executive Officer of the Sabah Convention Bureau under the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Noredah Othman.

UMS also acknowledged the support of the Sabah Convention Bureau and Amazing Borneo as strategic partners in making the event a success.



Dr Murnizam (seated centre), Awangku Hassanal (second right), Noredah (second left) and the participants of Borneo International Postgraduate Symposium @ UMS 2025.