

Three-day symposium on agro-biotechnology at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: The Biotechnology Research Institute (BRI) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah is organising a three-day Biotechnology Symposium 111 on Agro-biotechnology here from Nov 29-Dec 1.

The symposium with the theme "Modernising Agriculture through Molecular Biology" will be held at the UMS gallery.

Biotechnology innovations in agriculture provide creative and novel solutions to problems such as nutritional deficiencies, production shortages and low-yield in agro-products. The increase in demand of agriculture production due to the increase in world population has triggered the use of advanced tools such as molecular biology.

The technological advances and breakthrough in molecular biology will become the key catalysts of the economic growth engine driving the

changes in the agriculture sector.

According to Prof Dr Ann Anton, director of BRI, the symposium is designed to showcase the most recent advances in the field of agro-biotechnology.

It will provide a platform for participants to share their experience and knowledge in using molecular biology in agriculture-based research.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for interaction and collaboration among local and international academicians, scientists and practitioners working in this field," she said.

Experts from the US, Australia, Thailand and Malaysia will deliver plenary lectures on various aspects of agriculture, food and aquaculture biotechnology, in addition to a total of more than 40 oral and poster presentations.

For further details, contact 088-320000 ext 5682.