



**Kamaruzaman (right) launching the session while
Ridzuan (second left) and others look on.**

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Almost RM5mil grant to UMS for research

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KOTA KINABALU: Researchers at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) have much to cheer about – they have been granted close to RM5 million for research.

They money will fund their studies ranging from “water to space”, said UMS’ Centre for Research and Innovation Director, Prof. Dr Ridzuan Abdul Rahman.

Speaking to *Daily Express* at the Centre’s Meet-the-Clients Day here Thursday, Ridzuan said the amount was the first round of grants given under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP).

“We have been granted RM1.95 million by the Higher Education Ministry and RM2.95 million from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation,” he said.

He said the grants would cover research from space to water, that is virtually all categories of research.

“Among them at the UMS are engineering, technology, ICT, biodiversity, agriculture, pure and applied science, biotechnology, social science as well as literature.

“For medical research, the approval for grants is still pending,” he said, adding as much as possible the research findings will be benefited by the people, particularly Sabahans.

Ridzuan said the two-day Meet-the-Clients Day allows all researchers of UMS to check and apply for research grants, find out their grant application results, submit their research reports, find information on the various grants available, etc.

“Our Centre is responsible for all aspects of research and innovation. We coordinate and manage all research by the university,” he said.

The meet-the-clients session was launched by UMS’ Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof. Datuk Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon.