



Dr Felix handing over the report to Samsuddin.

95pc fishermen in Sabah above the poverty rate

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KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah Fishermen Census 2012 found that 95 per cent of fishermen families in the State have monthly incomes above the poverty line.

Sabah Fisheries Development Cooperative and Ko-Nelayan General Manager, Hj Masood Hj Salleh said the survey showed that the programmes implemented by the Ko-Nelayan and other State and Federal agencies have been successful in helping to upgrade the living standard of fishermen communities in the State.

According to him, the figures were derived

from research conducted by Ko-Nelayan in collaboration with the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) led by Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali for three years starting from November 2008 to March 2012.

“A comprehensive census is needed as reference for the government to plan programmes to improve the fishermen living standard.”

The Fishermen Census Report was officially submitted by the UMS Research and Innovation Centre Managing Director, Prof. Dr. Felix Tongkul to Ko-Nelayan Chairman, Datuk Samsuddin Yahya at Wisma Pertanian, here.