

# UMS' institute gets international recognition

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Borneo Marine Research Institute of Universiti Malaysia Sabah has been recognized as an International Ocean Institute's (IOI) Focal Point for Malaysia.

In releasing this information, the vice-chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Brigadier General Professor Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon, congratulated the Borneo Marine Research Institute for rising up to international level through a visionary approach and hard work.

This recognition was conveyed to UMS by the Executive Director of IOI who expressed confidence in the ability of Borneo Marine Research Institute headed by the director, Professor Dr Saleem Mustafa, to carry out the IOI mission which is:

“To promote education, training and research to enhance the

peaceful uses of ocean space and its resources, their management and regulation, as well as the protection and conservation of the marine environment guided by the concept of the Common Heritage of Mankind”.

The vice-chancellor is particularly happy that UMS is now in a position to live up to its motto of gaining international recognition through excellence in aspirations and pursuits of knowledge.

He further added that being a Focal Point for a prestigious international organization such as IOI which has a Consultative Status at the United Nations, Malaysia will be able to play an active role that will highlight the importance of our marine heritage and the global attention and support that it needs for the benefit of the country, Indo-Pacific region and beyond.