

RM1.58 million for UMS to do biotechnology research

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KOTA KINABALU: The state government, through the Sabah Biodiversity Centre (SaBC), will allocate RM1.58 million in funding to the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to carry out biotechnology research on selected biological resources in Sabah.

To this effect, a memorandum of understanding was signed last week by SaBC director Dr Abdul Fatah Amir on behalf of the state government, while UMS was represented by Deputy Vice-

Chancellor Professor Dr Shariff Abdul Kadir Shariff Omang Al-haj.

A statement issued by SaBC here yesterday, said UMS, through Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation, would provide facilities and expertise in the relevant areas of marine and terrestrial biotechnological product discovery.

About 300 selected marine and terrestrial species of Sabah's biological resources will be analysed for their potential anti-cancer and antioxidant effects. - Bernama