

UMS to do joint researches with Indonesian varsities

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with two Indonesian universities – Universitas Semarang (UNNES) and Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS).

UMS vice chancellor Professor Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said in his speech during the ceremony that the MoU would pave the way for joint researches in arts and culture of the Malay archipelago.

“The faculty in UMS which will be involved is the Arts School and later, there will be a further discussion on the issue between UMS and the two universities,” he said.

He also hoped the MoU will benefit both countries.

“In the aspect of arts and culture, I am hoping the international collaboration will be spearheaded by the Arts School (of UMS). The Warisan Borneo Research Unit of the Arts School, for example, can conduct researches in various creative arts, visual and music areas that encompass the various ethnic groups.

“The uniqueness and variety of culture of the communities from both countries need to be understood for the good of both



Harun (left) exchanging documents with Fathur at the event yesterday.

countries. For this purpose, I urge for the exchange of students and lecturers in academic and industrial training related programmes.

“The exchange of expertise and experience will generate new ideas that would enable UMS, UNS and UNNES to develop their field of education,” he said.

Meanwhile, UNNES assistant vice rector Professor Dr Fathur

Rokhman described the joint collaboration as beneficial to academic development in the field of Arts.

“Hopefully, this will foster better understanding,” she said.

UNS vice rector Dr Widodo Muktiyo said the joint collaboration would go towards enriching the Malay language through more in-depth research.