

UMS inks arts and culture collaboration MoU with two Indonesian Universities

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two Indonesian universities to carry out research collaboration in arts and cultural study.

The MoU, signed with Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS) and Universitas Negeri Semarang (UNNES), entailed joint research collaboration in the field of art and culture and other related studies.

It also included the exchange of instructors and students to participate in selected academic programmes and projects between the three higher learning institutions.

At the signing ceremony

held at the UMS Chancellory Hall here, UMS was represented by its vice chancellor, Prof Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah, while UNS and UNNES were represented by the deputy business development and partnership rector, Dr. Widodo Muktiyo and assistant vice-rector, Prof Dr. Fathur Rokhman, respectively.

The signing was witnessed by UMS head of academic service, No'man Hj Ahmad, dean of art study school, Dr. Ismail Hj Ibrahim and UMS Board of Director member, Mohd Kassim Hj Mohd Ibrahim.

"The MoU will also strengthen bilateral relations between Malaysia and Indonesia. It will be a stepping stone for further collaboration between both parties," said Dr. Mohd Harun.

According to Dr. Fathur, this cooperation was a major step towards enhancing international understanding of arts and culture for both countries.

And, Dr. Widodo said: "This is a great collaboration with our neighboring country in terms of exchanging cultural knowledge. For your information, the former Prime Minister of Malaysia (Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad) came to our university and urged for cooperation between both countries," he recalled.

"We are looking forward to working closely with UMS in other areas and activities that will benefit both countries in future," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mohd Harun said he was very grateful that UNS and UNNES initiated the collaboration with UMS.



(Seated L to R) Dr. Farthur, Dr. Mohd Harun, Dr. Widodo and No'man at the signing ceremony on Monday.