



Harun (fifth right) with the UMS contingent at iENA 2012.

UMS scoops seven medals in Germany

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) won a total of seven medals, three gold, three silver, and one bronze, at the recently concluded International Trade Fair Ideas-Inventions-New Products (iENA) 2012 in Nuremberg, Germany.

According to UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, this was the second time the university took part in iENA.

"This is a remarkable achievement because we competed with many researchers from leading

international universities," he said in a statement, yesterday.

UMS professor Dr Suhami Mohd Yasir won the first gold medal with his "Green house concept of solar drier for drying seaweed". The other two gold medals were won by Dr Patricia Matanjun and Associate Prof Dr Charles Vairappan with their products and innovations, "NaTea-Sabah mixture of herbal tea and mint green seaweed Pennywort" and "Degradable biopolymer bacteria from marine sponge" respectively.

Patricia's other research

and innovation, "Noval algae derived anti-inflammation drugs" won a silver medal, while Associate Prof Dr Chye Fook Yee won two silver medals through his research and innovations.

UMS Research and Innovation Management Centre director Associate Prof Dr Filex Tongkul said most of the products that were developed through these research and innovations were in the process of commercialisation.

"This will directly contribute to the income of UMS and researchers as well as the local communities," Felix added.