

# UMS to collaborate with China university

**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will collaborate with Zunyi Medical University of the People's Republic of China to set up an International Joint Laboratory for Ethnomedicine.

The effort will be carried out as part of the memorandum of agreement (MoA) signed by both parties here, yesterday.

Under the MoA, UMS also agreed to cooperate with its Chinese partner in related international scientific research activities as well as in science and technology training programmes.

Additionally, both parties will also work together towards establishing an international academic team.

The two universities will also collaboratively set up a high level management system and join forces to contribute to the economic development of both Guizhou province in China and Malaysia, through resource development.



UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah (left) exchanging the documents with Yun Fook Resources Sdn Bhd owner, Datuk Yap Yun Fook after the signing ceremony yesterday.

Vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah signed the MoA for UMS while Zunyi Medical University was

represented by Professor Lu Yuan Fu and Huang Hua Ling.

At the same event, Harun also represented UMS in signing a

memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a local poultry company, Yun Fook Resources Sdn Bhd.

Under the MoU, the company, which operates a farm in Keningau, agrees to host UMS research and training activities related to poultry.

The agreement covers, among others, training in food safety management, practical and industrial training, research and consultation, and students and staff exchange programmes.

Meanwhile, UMS has launched a new grant for funding research activities by its postgraduate students.

The grant, known as UMSGREAT, was set up to help instil a culture of research among the students by offering a total of RM2 million of funding that can be applied to partly finance their research.

Postgraduate students, especially those under supervisor with no research funding, are encouraged to apply.

The grant was launched by Harun yesterday, in conjunction with the UMS Briefing on

New Funding Formula and Key Performance Index (KPI) 2016 held at the university's Chancellor Hall.

Harun also officially launched the university's new Translation Unit, which has been set up under the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language.

Six lecturers have been identified to run the unit.

In his keynote address at the briefing, Harun said UMS would continue to be committed towards its role as the leader in higher education development in Sabah and to meet the KPI set by the Higher Education Ministry, despite having to deal with financial constraints.

"In this regard, I call on the UMS community to change and be an agent of change, be it in mindset, attitude, habit or the way we work. Let us work together towards financial sustainability, productivity leap and excellence for UMS," he said.