

# UMS to host International Conference on Marine Science and Aquaculture

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Borneo Marine Research Institute (BMRI) will be organising its annual International Conference on Marine Science and Aquaculture (ICOMSA) 2016 on March 23-24 at The Magellan Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu.

This year's ICOMSA is themed 'Nurturing Innovation Ecosystems for Sustainable Oceans & Societal Well-being', and includes specific sub-themes covering a wide range of topics, including fish feed & nutrition, seafood security, climate change adaptations, marine conservation, and marine policy.

The topics covered are of global relevance and are particularly important for Malaysia as its marine ecosystem services play a significant role in socio-economic development, its aquaculture industry is growing at a fast rate and seafood consumption is high.

UMS have invited distinguished local and international speakers to ICOMSA 2016. The keynote speaker, Malaysia Sutera Harbour Group Sdn Bhd vice chairman and independent director, Francis Lee Choon Hui, will deliver a talk titled "Aseanarean and Extinction" while National Taiwan Ocean University Lifetime National Endowed Chair Professor, Prof Dr. Shi-Yen Shiau, will give a talk on "Aquafeed Needs in a Changing World".

The second talk, titled "Microalgae for Aquaculture and Bioproducts" will be delivered by Murdoch University Emeritus Professor of Marine Phycology, Prof Dr. Michael Borowitzka, and followed by Kinki University Fisheries Institute Prof Dr. Shigeharu Senoo, who will deliver a talk titled "History and Present Status of Net Cage Culture for the aquaculture Industry in Japan from 1950's Yellow Tail to 2010's Blue Fin Tuna".

More than 100 participants from various universities and institutions in Malaysia as well as Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Nigeria, Kenya and Egypt have confirmed their attendance and will be sharing their latest research findings.

An official signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between UMS and related agencies as well as a special book launching ceremony on "Aquaculture Ecosystem - Adaptability and Sustainability" will also be held in conjunction with the conference.

For further details, please visit the UMS website, <http://www.ums.edu.my/ipmbv2/icomsa/index.html>, or contact its Conference Secretariat at +6088320000 ext. 2589.