

Mohd Harun receiving the honorary doctorate from Shiozaki.

UMS VC is honoured by Japanese university

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah was awarded an honorary doctorate in Agricultural Science by Kindai University, Japan, on Tuesday.

The doctorate was presented by Kindai University President Prof Hitoshi Shiozaki at the university.

Mohd Harun said the recognition is dedicated to everyone in UMS who has supported him in the effort to bring the university to a higher stage.

"I believe UMS can go far with the hard work and commitment of its staff and undergraduates who have always worked hard to build the reputation of the university," he said after the award ceremony.

According to him, the cooperation between Kindai University and UMS has pro-

duced beneficial outputs for both universities, especially in aquaculture.

Citing the newly established research and development (R&D) facility on aquaculture by UMS and Kindai University, he said such effort is unique and has highlighted the cooperation of more than a decade between the two higher learning institutes.

"Aquaculture which is the focus for this cooperation has a bright prospect as the research in this field has contributed much to global food safety.

"The preservation of aquaculture needs an innovative and global mindset to drive the growth of new generation of aquacultures.

"As such, I believe that the cooperation between both universities is a very valuable investment and provides a big return," he said.