

UMS hopes to forge cross-border research

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) hoped greater cooperation can be forged in cross-border research aside from other academic activities through its second working trip to Tarakan, Indonesia.

Business, Economics and Accountancy Faculty (FPEP) lecturer Prof Dr Arsia Bahrom who is leading the delegation said, new ideas can be highlighted through co-researches between Sabah and Kalimantan.

Eight lecturers from FPEP took part in the trip which started on May 30. The trip will focus on further discussions on co-researches with researchers and lecturers from the Economics Knowledge High School (STIE) Bulungan Tarakan, Indonesia.

Arsiah said, more than ten research projects had been proposed by FPEP and six others from STIE involving business, economics, tourism and administration

related to Sabah and Tarakan.

"Apart from discussions, a series of visits, interviews and data gathering will also be conducted by UMS' researchers while in Tarakan for four days.

"FPEP will also sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) soon with STIE to intensify the cooperation between the two universities," Arsia said.

Meanwhile, STIE head Drs R. Philipus, the cooperation with FPEP was the first research collaboration for the school with a foreign university.

R. Philipus is confident that UMS' position as one of the leading universities in Malaysia will result in high impact findings.

"This will pioneer a cross border research culture to further harmonise the ties between Malaysia and Indonesia," R. Philipus said.

Lecturers from STIE are also expected to visit Sabah to complete the research.