

Firm inks deal with UMS to make tyres

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KOTA KINABALU: Hoyu Recycling and Retreading Sdn Bhd, a Sabah-based company, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), to pave the way for Sabah to produce and manufacture its own tyres in the future.

Deputy Chief Minister cum Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau, who witnessed the signing ceremony yesterday, lauded the company for its efforts.

“As a first step, Hoyu will commence the retreading process on January next year. After that, it

will work the Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS) to produce tyres some time around the third quarter of next year.

“All these tyres would be manufactured in China first. Once this company (Hoyu) has reached its target enough for it to reach its break-even point, then only would the production and manufacturing be conducted in Sabah at the Kota Kinabalu Industrial Park (KKIP),” Tangau told reporters, adding that his ministry would be working closely with Hoyu.

Tangau expected the company would be able to establish its own factory here in Sabah by 2020.

Tangau disclosed that Hoyu would

be buying rubber from LIGS and the company was expected to buy ten tonnes of rubber on a monthly basis.

“For us (the ministry), this is a very encouraging development since the entrepreneurs involved here are locals.

“Hoyu will also be using UMS as a platform for research and this will benefit the students as they can learn more about tyres,” Tangau stressed.

The MoU between UMS and Hoyu will last for five years.

Meanwhile, Abdul Karim from UMS Faculty of Engineering explained that the MoU was a collaboration between his faculty and Hoyu.



Abdul Karim (fourth left) and Simon (fifth right) exchanging documents, witnessed by Tangau (fifth left) and Junz (sixth left).

“Our part is mostly centered on the research. At the moment, we are in the process of conducting seven researches related to this topic.

“We are using the powders from the

tyres for the recycling,” said Abdul Karim, describing the recycling as a part of green technology.

UMS is expected to come up with the products by the end of this year.

Also present in the event were Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Junz Wong and Hoyu Recycling and Retreading Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Simon Tu.