

UMS to help Sabah produce own tyres

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KOTA KINABALU: Recycling and Retreading Sdn Bhd will be the first Sabah-based tyre manufacturer to produce Hoyu tyres soon through a collaboration programme with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

According to Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau, the tyres will be manufactured in China until the sales target is met.

This will then allow the factory in Sabah, expected to open by 2020, to continue manufacturing the tyres at the Kota Kinabalu Industrial Park (KKIP).

Hoyu will initiate the retreading process from January 2019 onwards and work with the Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS) to produce tyres in the third quarter the same year.

Wilfred, who is also State Trade and Industry Minister, commended the company for creating a bright future for the State with local manufacturing, production, workforce and entrepreneurs.

"Our ministry is pleased with the development since local entrepreneurs are involved and we will also work closely with Hoyu in specific sectors.

"UMS, on the other hand, will be a technology platform for Hoyu in research and



Abdul of UMS (left) and Simon Tu (right) of Hoyu Recycling and Retreading Sdn Bhd showing the MoU, witnessed by Wilfred (centre) and others.

development which will benefit the students in new knowledge at the same time," he said after witnessing the signing ceremony of a MoU, here, Wednesday.

Meanwhile, UMS Engineering Faculty's Abdul Karim Mirasa explained that their role will be focusing on the research of the compounds.

"We are currently researching and developing seven projects with green technolo-

gies by using powders meant for recycling.

"Hopefully we can create a product through a breakthrough in our research," he said, adding that a concept is expected to be released by end of the year.

Also present at ceremony were Hoyu Recycling and Retreading Sdn Bhd Chief Executive Officer Simon Tu and State Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Junz Wong.