



D Kamarudin (second from right) and Guo (right) during the discussion.

UMS, China academy strengthen collaboration

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KOTA KINABALU: A delegation from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), led by the Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin recently visited Heilongjiang Academy of Sciences (HAS) in Harbin, China.

Discussion were held with Professor Guo Chunjing, President of HAS, and other senior officials of the academy, as well as with key researchers from Institute of Microbiology, a comprehensive research institute under HAS.

Academic and research collaboration between UMS and HAS has been established since 2012, and both institution are strongly committed to

further enhance this collaboration for the next five years.

Among the focus areas are research and cultivation of edible mushrooms, research on soil and crop improvement using microbes and organic amendments, research on functional food, and student and staff mobility.

A new initiative to be pursued in this collaboration is smart partnership with the industries.

Among the delegates from UMS during this visit was Datuk Yap Yun Fook who is an adjunct professor of UMS as well as a prominent agriculture entrepreneur in Sabah.