

UMS lab first in state to win international recognition

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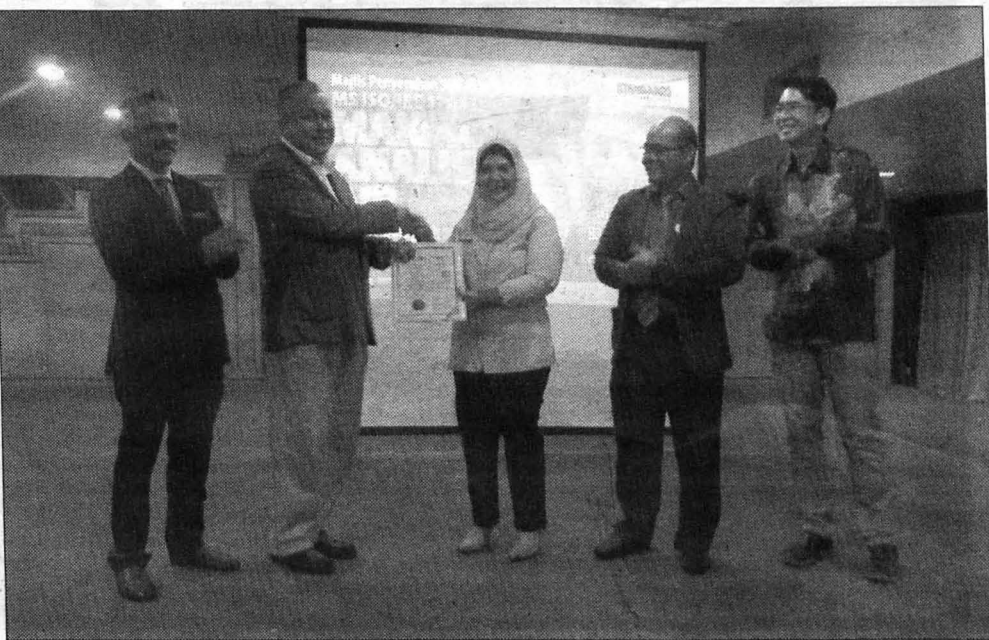
KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Water Analysis Lab (UMSWAL) has become Sabah's first internationally recognised lab having received the MS ISO Accreditation Certificate here, yesterday, awarded by the Department of Standards Malaysia.

"This accreditation which represents the quality and consistency of our testing services. We are poised to become the leading hub to serving local, regional and international customers," said UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr D. Kamarudin D. Mudin. The text of his speech was read by Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Shahril Yusof.

Speaking at the official handover ceremony, he said UMSWAL is committed to providing the highest quality of services in meeting customers' expectations, assuring regulators and industries that the university's laboratories are globally recognised.

The main objective for the establishment of UMSWAL, according to the Prof Dr Kamarudin, is to provide water analysis services for laboratory testing that is accredited with the MS ISO/IEC 17025 under the Malaysian Laboratory Accreditation Scheme.

"Water is a priceless re-



Fadillah (3rd from left) presenting the Accreditation MS ISO/IEC 17025 to Prof Dr. Shahril at the ceremony yesterday

source; advancing water quality monitoring through technical expertise and well-run laboratories are vital components to ensuring the availability, sustainable management of water and sanitation for the people – in line with the goals set by the United Nations Sustainable Goal article 6," he said.

The Director-General of Standards Malaysia, Datuk Fadilah Baharin presented the accreditation certificate to the UMS Dean of the Faculty of Science and Natural Re-

sources Prof Dr Baba Musta. The handover, held at the UMS, was witnessed by Prof Dr Shahril.

"I believe this lab is well equipped with the capability and competency to run accurate water testing services by fulfilling all international and management requirements, so it can contribute and support the goal for delivering a safer world," said Fadilah.

Commending the efforts in acquiring the accreditation, Prof Dr Kamarudin hopes the recognition would allow uni-

versity's researchers to build closer relations with government and private institutions and open further industrial training opportunities with students from local universities.

Fadilah noted Standards Malaysia, the sole National Accreditation Body under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), has accredited 869 testing and calibrating labs; 33 certification bodies and 13 inspection agencies nationwide.